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APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT FUNDING



Funding is available to community groups in the Parish. Small projects of up to £500 can be applied for by completing the online application form, guidance notes set the funding criteria

We also offer grants for larger projects applied for by expression of interest and project plan

Each year the Parish Council set aside a budget for community projects to enable groups to provide items that benefit the community

If you are a small group or a larger association please let the Council know about your project as we would like to assist you with the funding



BRIDGE STREET SPEEDING CONSULTATION	YES	NO
Is speeding a problem in Bridge Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would traffic calming help reduce speed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered yes to the questions above and have evidence of speeding in Bridge Street please send us details. Provided we get a high number of responses, at least 100, the information will be sent to the Basildon Highways Panel and used carry out a feasibility study to measure the speeds Please send your responses to: terriken@aol.com

NOAK BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE JULY 2021

After our last update in March this year we are pleased to report that Bluestone Planning have now undertaken the gap analysis to determine what evidence is required to support the five key 'themes' identified following the September 2019 consultation:

Transport & Roads; Education, Health & Other Local Services; Design & Conservation; Environment & Green Space; Housing



WALKING WORKSHOP



Bluestone are working on the Character Assessment and Design Code that will support the Neighbourhood Plan and, as part of that work, they are planning a **Community Walking Workshop**, open to residents who wish to be involved in helping to define:

- those features of the Parish that you like best, and those you like least
- areas where you think the character or built environment is special
- areas where improvements to the area would be beneficial
- buildings or places you think are worthy of recognition for their historic, community / cultural or other value

The **Walking Workshop will be held on Wednesday 14th July** and if you wish to attend please could you email Bluestone Planning: admin@bluestoneplanning.co.uk or call them on **01235 782635 to confirm**.

They need to know by **12th July latest**.

The Walking Workshop will start at **MIDDAY on 14th July** and we will meet at **Noak Bridge Village Hall**. Numbers will be limited due to Covid restrictions so please do make sure you notify Bluestone before attending. Alternatively, if you wish to do the workshop in your own time please contact Bluestone Planning on the above email address / telephone number for a questionnaire / walking trail that can be completed independently. We will provide information on our social media pages prior to the workshop. The evidence gathered during this exercise will be critical in helping to shape the design and conservation policies for the Neighbourhood Plan **so please come and join us on the 14th July!**

QUESTIONNAIRE JULY 2021

We are seeking some further information from the community to inform our evidence gathering. If you have 5 minutes we would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NoakBridgeSurvey>

Alternatively electronic or paper copies of the questions can be obtained by emailing admin@bluestoneplanning.co.uk or telephoning **01235 782635**.

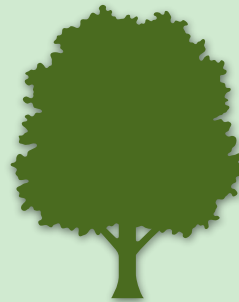
Grant Funding Application

An application has been made to Locality for grant funding to support the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to hear if we have been successful over the next few weeks.

Evidence Gathering

The next steps are now underway and involve gathering evidence to support the policies that will be written for the Neighbourhood Plan over the coming months. We are gathering evidence on the following topics which came out of the findings of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire:

- Highways / public transport / parking
- Green spaces.
- Social and community infrastructure
- Housing
- Rights of way
- Environmental issues



Volunteers Needed

The July 2021 questionnaire will provide some background evidence to inform these issues, but we are also looking for people with an interest locally to assist with gathering evidence on local rights of way, local history and wildlife, community facilities, parking availability etc.

If you have some spare time to assist we will be very happy to welcome you onto the Steering Group! For further information **contact noakbridgepc@gmail.com**

Next Steps

Over the coming months we will be gathering evidence and beginning to writing the draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

We will provide a further update on progress in the next newsletter, but in the meantime you can also keep up to date on the Parish Council website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/noakbridgepc/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Noakbridgeneighbourhoodplan/>

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COMING SOON - LITTLE LIBRARIES



DURBAN LANE POND

Phase 2 pond works will commence in September where the final area of silt removal will take place and include securing of revetments and the reinstatement of surrounding banks. Early Spring 2022, planting and seeding will take place to complement the restoration works



JOIN OUR LITTER PICK GROUP

The Parish Council are organising a weekend community litter pick. We hope you will be able to join us. Equipment and Hi Viz will be provided. A date will be posted on the village notice boards, contact noakbridgepc@gmail.com

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve Society

If you have enjoyed walking around the Nature Reserve why not join us in helping Basildon Council to look after it and maintain it for the benefit of residents? Application forms are on the website under membership, nbns.org.uk or on the notice board in the Coppice Lane shop. £3 per year per Household, £1.50 for Concessions