

Filleigh Parish Plan 2006 – 2012

Statement of Purpose

These are the general goals which, in partnership with other parish groups and organisations, the Parish Council will work towards:

- ◆ A new road to serve the Chipboard Factory which will bypass Stags Head and Hill Village.
- ◆ Affordable housing provision in the Parish to meet Parish needs.
- ◆ To maintain Filleigh as a family-friendly Parish, catering for the needs of all age groups and supporting the village Primary School.
- ◆ Promoting Filleigh as a vibrant and sustainable family community in which to live and work.

To achieve these aspirations will involve work in the following areas:

1. Land Use Issues

Affordable Housing

The Parish Survey has identified both a general desire and general need to organise a precise survey of Parish needs with the guidance of North Devon District Council (NDDC). This will be organised and in the light of this the Parish Council will explore potential village sites to produce proposals.

Chipboard Factory Road

The Parish Council will continue to press Devon County Council (DCC) and NDDC to provide a road link to serve the Chipboard Factory, and explore funding options including the possibility of 'Enabling Development' at Stags Head as supported in the Parish Survey.

Rural Workspace

The Parish Council will support the re-use of redundant agricultural and other rural buildings as modern workspace in order to maintain the high ratio of people both living and working in the community.

Village Links

The Parish Council will discuss with landowners whether it is feasible to provide extra permissive access in the Parish with the objective of linking different parts of the Parish together and of minimising the need for pedestrians to walk on the roads.

Filleigh Sawmill

The Parish Council will work with The Castle Hill Estate to encourage a small business use of this building.

2. Parish Council Matters

Volunteers

The Parish Council will maintain a register of volunteers and use both the Parish Council page on the Village Hall (VFH) website and the Parish 'Welcome Pack' to maintain interest in this asset.

Highway Safety

The Parish Council will continually review with DCC all matters relating to highway safety in the Parish, and encourage residents to work with the Parish Council to ensure that all inadequacies and problems are considered and, where possible, solved.

Litter

The deposition of litter in the Parish is a problem, and all residents are to be encouraged to pick up litter as a matter of routine in order to maintain our environment. In this aim the 'Filleigh Flyer' and temporary roadside signs, particularly through Hill Village, may be able to assist.

Parish Walks

Parish walks led by members of the community will be organised and promoted as a way of providing information on different aspects of the Parish for the benefit of all residents.

Play Area

The Parish Council will again evaluate both the need for and, if required, the best way of providing a play area in the Parish, possibly involving the use of Filleigh Primary School equipment.

Bus Stops

The provision of two bus stops, one at Stags Head, and one at the School will be pursued. Sponsorship for these will be investigated.

Parish Community Fund

The Parish Community Fund will be maintained as a way of delivering extra benefits to the parish.

Filleigh Church

The Parish Council will maintain its present financial support for Filleigh Parish Church, as an important ecumenical parish focal point, and also for Filleigh Village Hall.

3. Filleigh Village Hall

The Parish Council will encourage the Village Hall to maintain as wide a range of activities as possible and to promote the use of the website to link the Hall with the community.

The Filleigh Flyer team to review the contents and utilise volunteer help to expand its work as required.

4. Police

The Parish Council will work with the Police to :

- ◆ Reduce speeds on Parish roads, particularly at the known danger spots of Heddon and Hill Village.
- ◆ Maintain a 'Rural Watch' in the Parish.
- ◆ Help to raise the profile of the Neighbourhood Police Officer in the community.
- ◆ Liaise over crime prevention, dumping and anti-social behaviour.

Parish Council meetings are held quarterly although special meetings may be called when necessary. The Council looks forward to working towards these objectives with all members of the Filleigh community and welcomes contributions from everyone willing to get involved in implementing the plan.