

Following the Neighbourhood Area designation I would like to meet with the Parish Council, or neighbourhood plan working party if one is in place, to discuss a number of matters including legislative requirements for neighbourhood planning, emerging best practice, likely areas where Teignbridge will be able to provide support and the project generally. I would be happy to agree a date for this meeting as soon as possible.

The Parish Council may be aware that Teignbridge is currently providing small grants to support neighbourhood planning. This is intended to cover some of the costs of neighbourhood plans, providing a grant of £1 per elector (minimum of £1000, maximum of £4000) subject to the following requirements:

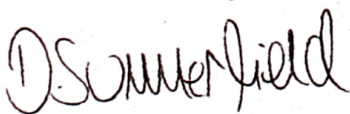
- Used only for activities in connection with the preparation of the neighbourhood plan (for example, consultant support, printing, community engagement, workshop facilitation, room hire for events etc);
- Prior to receipt of grant funding the Parish Council to submit a plan of any proposed expenditure, setting out the neighbourhood planning objectives that this will meet and the likely timescales for spending;
- The Parish Council to report on a quarterly basis on how the grant has been used during the previous quarter and setting out any future expenditure that has been identified; and
- Unspent funds are returned to the District Council on completion of the neighbourhood plan.

This scheme has been introduced to provide support during the period while the majority of Spatial Planning and Delivery team resources will be focussed on the preparation of the Local Plan and in particular its examination by a Planning Inspector. It is envisaged during this period the role of the District Council in supporting neighbourhood planning will be limited to providing information and occasional advice.

On designation of the Neighbourhood Area the Parish Council will be eligible for a grant of £1000.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to arranging the suggested meeting. If there is any further information that you require at this stage please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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