

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



News:

Who we are

The NP Steering Group is an independent group of parishioners currently comprising:

Chair - Richard Edwards

Vice Chair – John Miller

Treasurer - Gary Sheppard

Secretary – Robert Goard

Members: Mike Harrison, Nick Davies, Gill Cox.

Contact us via
neighbourhoodplan@pilningsevernbeach-pc.gov.uk or call 01454 632170.

Next meeting 17th October, 7 pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

Shaping the future of our local area

An opportunity for residents to influence planning policy including:

How many new homes and where to build them

Areas for parking, transport, cycle ways and footpaths

Space for retail, office and community buildings

What new buildings should look like

Protecting and increasing green and recreation spaces

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<https://www.psbpc.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan>



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Neighbourhood Plan Funding:

With grants announced as available at the end of July and having made a prompt application, we are disappointed to say, well into September, our funding for this year has still not come through. Once received we can press on with the work and update our project plan, which sadly will reflect at least a 3-month delay. Your hard-working Steering Group has made great progress to date, but fears further delays, as completing the process relies increasingly on the delivery of other parties.

Flood Risk and Green Belt:

We have prepared summary specifications for each issue ready for consultants to start their work once funding is in.

SGC Planning Process:

With the Parish Council and the Ward Councillor, we presented a powerful case in objection to the application for a travellers' site on the corner of Bank Road and Northwick Road. Despite this, approval was given, with the planning committee saying their hands were tied and they feared appeal should they have rejected it. An opportunity to use this land for extra care accommodation and extensions to health and welfare facilities may now be lost. There have been other cases for the Parish recently where SGC planners have disregarded their own policies as well as the emerging NP. Together we will be taking this up with the leaders of the Council to attempt to stop it occurring.

Pilning Flower Show:

Following feedback from residents on the usefulness of our presentations at public events, we would like to thank Pilning Flower Show for allowing us to set up a stand at the show on 26th August. The show was very well attended, and we had lots of visitors to our stand.

