

Oving Parish Plan

Site introduction

In January 2016 Oving Parish Council set the terms of reference for a steering group to produce a parish plan for the next 10 years. Membership of the group at different periods over 14 months consisted of Katie Akerman, Patrick Burgess, Alan Hutton, Paul Kopecek, Kirsten Lanchester, Jeremy Matcham, John Pitts, Stephen Quigley (chairman) Eileen Saunders, Sjoerd Schuyleman, Fritz van der Wetering de Roy, Chris Wood.

It was decided to consult residents, and also for the first time, business, by means of a questionnaire. This was designed and printed with the support and advice of Chichester District Council who also produced a summary of the responses. The questionnaire that was distributed in June/ July 2016 sought residents' views on the principal factors relating to life in the parish and their suggestions for improvement. 170 responses were received (145 on paper, 25 on line), representing 28% of the population.

The steering group's analysis of the results was in three phases: the organising of data and comment under the main subject headings in the form of profiles; from the profiles the production of action templates that describe the issue to be addressed and the feasibility of response. Finally, from the templates a list of actions was selected. From this list, following review by residents, the parish council will draw up an action plan.

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Steering group chairman
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