

Neighbourhood Planning Group Report - October 2021

We had planned a meeting for Willand community groups at the end of July which we had to cancel. The Group met on 12th October, and will be inviting people to a reconvened meeting on 9th November.

The aims for this meeting remain as

- to bring community organisations together as we emerge from Covid
- to contribute their opinion to the Neighbourhood Planning process
- to look forward to a celebration in Willand sometime over the Jubilee weekend 2nd- 5th June 2022

Following this meeting we intend to convene a meeting in later January. This time we will probably be inviting people to discuss issues focussed on the future of Willand's built, leisure and natural environment. Details will be formed to some extent by the experience of the November meeting.

Given the delay because of Covid and the imminent review of parish boundaries our objective now is to get on with producing a plan which secures the current aspirations of villagers. This can be updated in future.

Our consultations so far show that traffic issues, protection of undeveloped land round the village and in the village; social facilities and activities; and increased opportunities for walking and cycling are the sort of topics that matter to people. Maybe a wider environmental perspective will emerge as being of interest. Traffic itself is not a planning matter, so we can't directly address it in a Neighbourhood Plan, but we can look at it from an environmental and social impact perspective