

Community Engagement Event on 2nd June 2019

Sunday 2nd June 2019, saw over 270 local residents attend the Village Hall, taking the opportunity to find out what the future holds for Puriton. The day was planned after analysing the feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire which was completed in Dec 2018. There were several themes that ran through the results and, working with the Parish Council, we decided to provide you with the chance to find answers to your questions, air your thoughts and concerns and also understand the next steps the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were taking.



To help answer questions about the Neighbourhood Plan, members of the Steering Group had two stands which shared some of the questionnaire results and also information about the Call For Sites process (full information can be found on the Puriton Parish Council website <http://www.puritonparishcouncil.gov.uk> and the Steering Group can be contacted at puritonnp@gmail.com). The group also meets every 4 – 6 weeks for 2 hours at the Sport Centre so please feel free to come along to see the progress being made!

Also available on the 2nd June to answer questions and discuss concerns were Kim and Lora, our PCSO's, Paul Lowndes from Gravity, who had a very busy time sharing information about the new road and development at the ROF site, Simon Langley and Judith Fletcher from the Parish Council and Nick Tait from Sedgemoor District Council Planning Dept. We also took the opportunity, with the support of Taunton YMCA, to work with our younger residents, aiming to understand what their hopes and concerns are so the Parish Council could consider providing some appropriate activities within the village.

Court Farm butchers provided us with an amazing hog roast and a special thank you must go to Astrid Benson, Dawn Saunders, Judith Fletcher and Jan Burton (amongst others) who manned the kitchen, keeping an ongoing supply of the hog roast, wine and cider! The day was brilliant with lots of questions and conversations from the moment the event started at 12pm, until after the official closing time of 4pm. We'd like to say a huge thank you to those that made themselves available to talk to you, and also a huge thank you for those who showed such support and passion for Puriton by coming along and feeding so much information back to us.