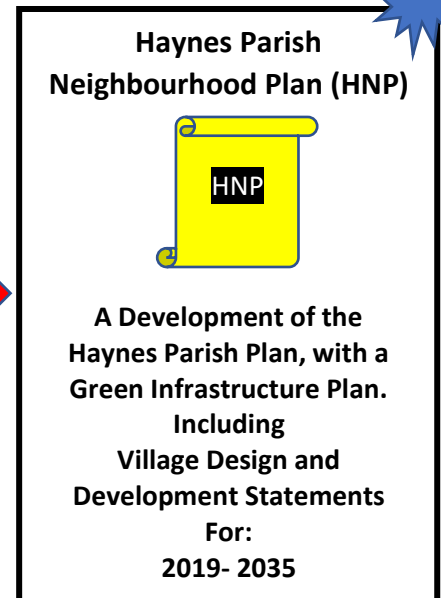
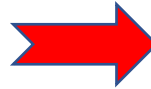
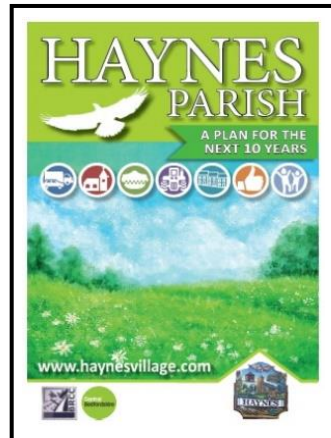


Haynes Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (HNPSG)



“Haynes Parish” – Neighbourhood Plan: an update on progress – 2019.

- **A Development of the Haynes Parish Plan, with a**
- **Green Infrastructure Plan, and**
- **Village Design considerations. Also, including**
- **Local and National Development Statements, and outlining**
- **The final stages for HNP acceptance.**

Dear Haynes Resident,

The HNPSG are pleased to report on significant progress in finalising their work in developing, prior to formal submission to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), the Haynes Neighbourhood Plan **(HNP)**.

HNPSG is effectively an active subgroup of your Parish Council (PC) and has two representatives of Haynes PC on its committee.

The HNP is an important document that outlines our community views concerning the development of our rural parish - an integral and important part of the Greensand Country Landscape Projects.

To assist with the final documentation requirements of submitting our HNP to CBC, we have recently employed a Neighbourhood Planning Consultant. She will review our documentation and help speed up the formal process of NP submission and acceptance by CBC. This work is already in progress and government funded.

Our comprehensive and widely supported Haynes Parish Plan (HPP) covered important topics concerning Haynes Parish:

- Travel, transport, roads and paths
- Church, community and leisure
- Policing and community safety
- Conservation, farming and the environment
- Housing and future development
- Communications and information Technology
- Children, school and young people

The document is available to download and view from our website at : www.haynesvillage.com

Several Action Groups resulted from this work, resulting in an environmental group that has resulted in our “Haynes Community Garden” with additional flower planting and displays throughout the parish. As a result, Haynes entered the “Anglia in Bloom Competition”. The community working together can make things happen!

The development of a future HNP was always considered a requirement while developing the HPP. The HNPSG was formed to continue HPP development as an integral part of the HNP. Additional government funding was sought and obtained to continue this work.

The format of our HNP considers three important areas:

- The Environment,
- Community Development and
- Village Design

To help protect our rural environment the Greensand Trust were commissioned to produce a Green Infrastructure Plan for our Neighbourhood Plan (NP-GIP). This comprehensive document covers the following topics: Biodiversity, Landscape, Historic Environment, Accessible Greenspace and Access Routes. This work is now complete and available to view, via our website.

The Parish of Haynes (then called Hawnes) is recorded in the Domesday Book and developed around the wooded parkland of Haynes Park – now owned by “Science of the Soul”. The house and parkland continue to form a central and important focus of our rural parish heritage and environment. Haynes Parish is unique in consisting of several “Ends” and a “Cross” which have grown up around Haynes Park.

Our community infrastructure, as outlined in our Parish Plan now requires additional support for young adults, families and retired people. The most recent Haynes housing requirements survey confirms this. How can this be achieved? The development of a HNP can help: by designating and even recommending suitable sites for development – while protecting the integrity of our rural village and community. Future village layout: housing infill, design and architecture are important considerations for the HNP.

The HNP will form part of the larger CBC Local Plan (LP) for Central Bedfordshire. This document, after considerable consultation and delay, is in the final stages of being accepted by the government inspector. Haynes Parish is recorded and currently shown with only one possible (CBC owned and designated!) housing development site: at Hill Farm (off Northwood End Road). However, justification for this site, together with any other alternative sites is not made.

We should all seek to ensure that any development in Haynes Parish is justified and meets the requirements of our HNP: and consequently, the Haynes community. HNP will provide a community voice to strongly argue against any speculative, ad-hoc and ill-designed development proposals. The environment needs protection to ensure our rural landscape and its viewpoints are preserved for the local community and future generations.

Concerning National / EEC development: we continue working on the HNP against the current national government/ EEC uncertainties! We also note government interest re: “The corridor connecting Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford could be the UK’s Silicon Valley” (The Golden Triangle). Here it is proposed that housing developments exceeding 5,000 units should be considered as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP’s).

Our Website www.haynesvillage.com continues to act as our archive of documentation. The latest draft copy of the HNP is now available for review and comment. Please visit the site to keep up to date with HNP developments. Additional publicity concerning events will also be provided in the Parish Magazine and posters located around the village.

We now are entering the more formal CBC process of submitting our HNP. Prior to this, we will hold a Haynes community meeting - most likely in the Village Hall. Here HNPSG will present the HNP and people can view paper copies of the documents and large maps of the area. The bar will also be opened to provide an informative but social family evening: your support is essential.

The formal CBC legal process for the adoption of the HNP requires a Local Referendum in Haynes, to register and confirm your support. The result will be determined by a simple majority vote. The event is again likely to be held in the Village Hall.

Given your endorsement of the HNP via the referendum, it will be adopted by CBC and form part of their Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire. The HNP is not a static plan. It will act as an important framework document (it has legal significance!) for the Parish Council to judge (possibly add and amend!) all future development in Haynes Parish.

Many thanks for your continued support.

HNPSG Committee.