

Pyons Group Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following the referendum, in which 90 percent of votes cast were in support of the Pyons Group neighbourhood development plan (NDP), the plan has been adopted formally by Herefordshire Council. Congratulations upon reaching adoption, your NDP will now form part of the statutory development plan for Herefordshire.

The group parish council is very grateful for the all the hard work and determination from the steering group, the members of which were vital in realising the NDP. Special thanks go to the Chairman of the steering group, Anthony Drew who took on the role as a member of Pyons Group Parish Council, and continued on to see the job done when he stood down as a councillor in 2015.

Now that the NDP has been adopted, we have agreed that the steering group be disbanded. We also determined that the NDP be on-hand for all future meetings, and referred to on any planning recommendations. We would remind anyone considering making a planning application that the NDP can be viewed on our website www.pyongroup.co.uk.

Ideas wanted for new Public Open Space, Canon Pyon

The group parish council is going to adopt a new public open space between the playing field and Pyon Close development at Canon Pyon. The land is being prepared by the developer and there is an opportunity to request appropriate shrubs and plants for planting in the autumn.

If you have ideas for planting, please let us know. One consideration to bear in mind is to have plants and shrubs that are low maintenance, as this responsibility, and cost, will fall upon the parish council. Funding to help with the first 15 years of maintenance is provided as part of the adoption.

So, please let us know what you'd like to see on the new public open space in Canon Pyon.

Defaced signs, Canon Pyon

The group parish council learned recently that private signs along Wellington Lane had been defaced. This is disappointing, and does not reflect well on our community. We are fortunate to live in a close knit, supportive community, and this vandalism is out of character.

If there are local concerns that can be addressed by the group parish council, then please let us know by approaching a councillor, the Clerk, or by coming to a meeting. Contact details and a schedule of meetings can be found at www.pyongroup.co.uk. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm, Tuesday, 4 July 2017, at Canon Pyon Parish Hall.

Correction: The previous Chairman's article in June 2017 referred to the term of Pyons Group Parish Council. Please note that the term of office for councillors is 4 years and the next election will be in May 2019 (the last election was in May 2015).

Harry Ray, Chairman,
Pyons Group Parish Council.