

Affordable Housing Update

The Affordable Housing project is moving forward. The village was forewarned of the project in the October 1st 2020 Village News.

The following has been agreed with the Cherwell Housing Department:

1. A parish survey
2. A letter to residents
3. A letter to businesses

The group coordinating the survey is Community First Oxfordshire who will set up and administer and report on the survey. They have worked on similar projects in the past and their expertise is helpful. Their costs will be covered by CDC including printing and coordinating.

As a result of this work, the PC has registered with Community First and that is the connection to the webinars held during the week of this meeting.

This work has given us a push to re-look at the list of businesses in the village. Ruth and I have added new businesses, removed dissolved companies and tried to include emails. We are going to have some help from James in this regard as well.

There will be a leaflet to each house and business going out around the third week of October. An email will go to all on the PC list with a link to the online survey. Hard copies of the survey can be collected at the shop (with stamped return envelope). The deadline for responses is November 30th, 2020.

It is extremely important that the PC support this project by speaking with, contacting and encouraging villagers and businesses in the village.

What do you think is the best way to do this?

The results of the survey will result in additions to the Housing Needs Register which will affect the agreement for future affordable housing in the village. If a family has a seventeen year old now, it is important for them to register for a need that will come up in three or four years time. If a business needs x amount of staff, they need to register for small units for accommodation ie. pubs. **Respondents need to look to the future.**