

Review of the Neen Savage Community Led Plan

To be reported to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 18th May 2022

In this report I will start by giving a historic perspective of our Community Led Plan, primarily for the benefit of anyone who may not have been resident in the parish when the document was created. I will try to summarise the impact the document may have had on the Parish since its publication and explain why it is important that the content of the document should be reviewed. Finally, I will explain how, and why, the review was conducted, what stage we are at now, and how we intend to ensure that the finished document has some influence of the future of our Parish.

Our Community Led Plan, which was published in 2014, was put together over a period of two years by a group of over twenty parishioners who gave freely of their time and talents, and at that time it was funded by grants from Shropshire Council and by Neen Savage Parish Council. The questionnaire that was sent out to parishioners achieved a high response rate of 63.4% so it was clear at that time that the views of the parishioners had been captured in the document.

At this point I will mention that the Neen Savage Community Led Plan is available to view on the Parish Council website for anyone who doesn't have a paper copy.

The document was adopted by Neen Savage Parish Council and by Shropshire County Council.

Relevant key components of the plan were included in Shropshire Council's Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan which was adopted in December 2015 and this document sets out proposals for the use of land to guide future development for the period up to 2026.

Components of the plan were also included by Shropshire Council when they produced the Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan which was published in 2019/2020. This document is now overdue for a review and it is in our interest that we ensure that our parishioners wishes are being considered when this review takes place.

Our review of the Neen Savage Community Led Plan is very timely because it will allow us with a high degree of confidence to ensure that the current wishes of our parishioners are given full consideration when the Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan is reviewed.

How the review has been conducted:

Myself, Cl Cleftord, Cl Tomkinson and Mike Hurley attended a series of meeting where we gave consideration to the Summary of Actions and Recommendations which can be found in Section 12 of the document. From these meeting we generated a large amount of text that

we have attempted to summarise in the draft document which is currently available to review on the Neen Savage Parish Council Website.

Our findings from the review are that the Community Led Plan is still relevant for Neen Savage today. The plan captured the fact that parishioners value, and regard as very important, the preservation of the rural nature of the parish. There is still a strong desire to see this embraced by Neen Savage Parish Council when considering development across the community. We conclude that this expectation has been fulfilled by the Parish Council since 2014.

Finally, parishioners are welcome to make any contributions to the review before its finally adopted by our Parish Council. The Parish Council will then distribute our findings to Shropshire Council, Other neighbouring Parish and Town Councils, our Unitary Councillors and any other interested parties.

The Parish Council would like to be in a position to adopt the findings of this review at the next Parish Council meeting which is due to be held on 25th May 2022.

Are there any questions?