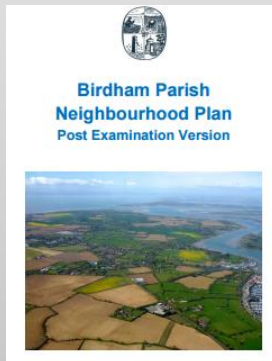




Birdham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

23rd April 2016



Agenda.

Welcome and introduction by Chairman

Approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.
Chairman's Report, including Planning Activity.
Matters arising from the Chairman's Report



Neighbourhood Plan.

content explained
Matters arising concerning the NP.

Cllr Graham Campbell

Progress made improving local drainage, and future direction.

Cllr Richard Bird/Clive Barrington

Overview of Parish Community Resilience Plan.

Cllr Timothy Firmstone

Matters arising concerning Drainage & CRP.

Any other business.

Close

Chairman's Report, including Planning Activity.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

- Thank you to all who have participated in developing this robust plan.

- **Drainage** our #1 Priority.

- Thank you to Clive Barrington and Robert Carey (Earnly PC) who have done so much to remove so many of the choke points around the village.
- This Parish is so much more resilient against heavy rain than it was in 2012.
- **Still much to do.**

- **Budget.**

- **3 1/2%** increase in Parish Precept.

- **Birdham Farm**

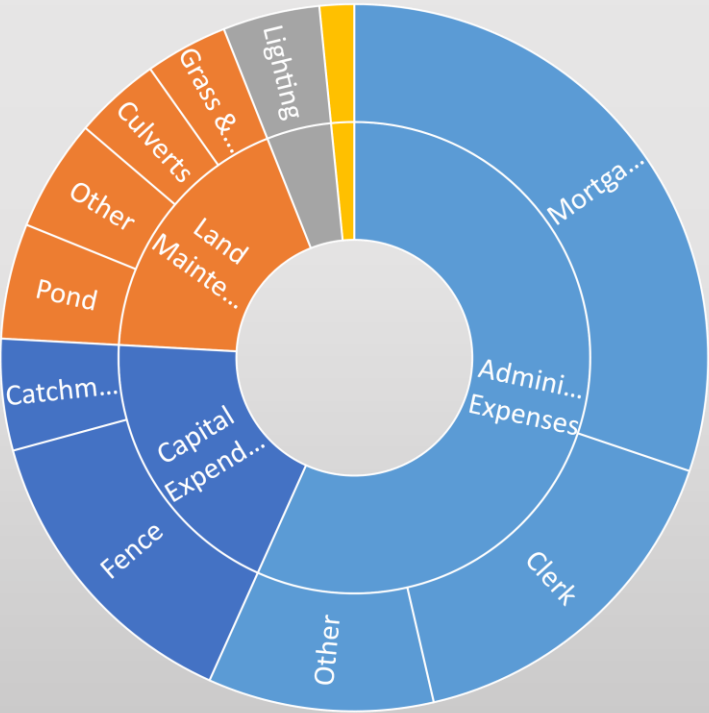
- **Tawny Nursery.**

- Channel all concerns with the site through [Cllr Mike Wells](#)

- **Causeway**

- Gate

Budget



Items helping to drive a 3.5% increase in Precept

- Culvert Maintenance £2250
- Catchment Ponds Improvement £2250
- Neighbourhood Plan £500
- Peninsula Forum £462
- Community Resilience £400

Budget = **£56913** but we accrued **£11537** - CDC Grant £717 (diminishing year on year) Giving a Precept of **£44600**

Birdham Neighbourhood Plan



Referendum 5th May 2016

Why neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood Planning is a new process, designed to:

- enable local people to strongly influence how development will occur locally.
- give communities a bigger say over the type, location, size, pace and design of development coming forward .
- tackle long term trends or challenges affecting communities .
- foster progressive relationships between communities, developers and local authorities .
- provide neighbourhoods with more influence on delivery and implementation.

History

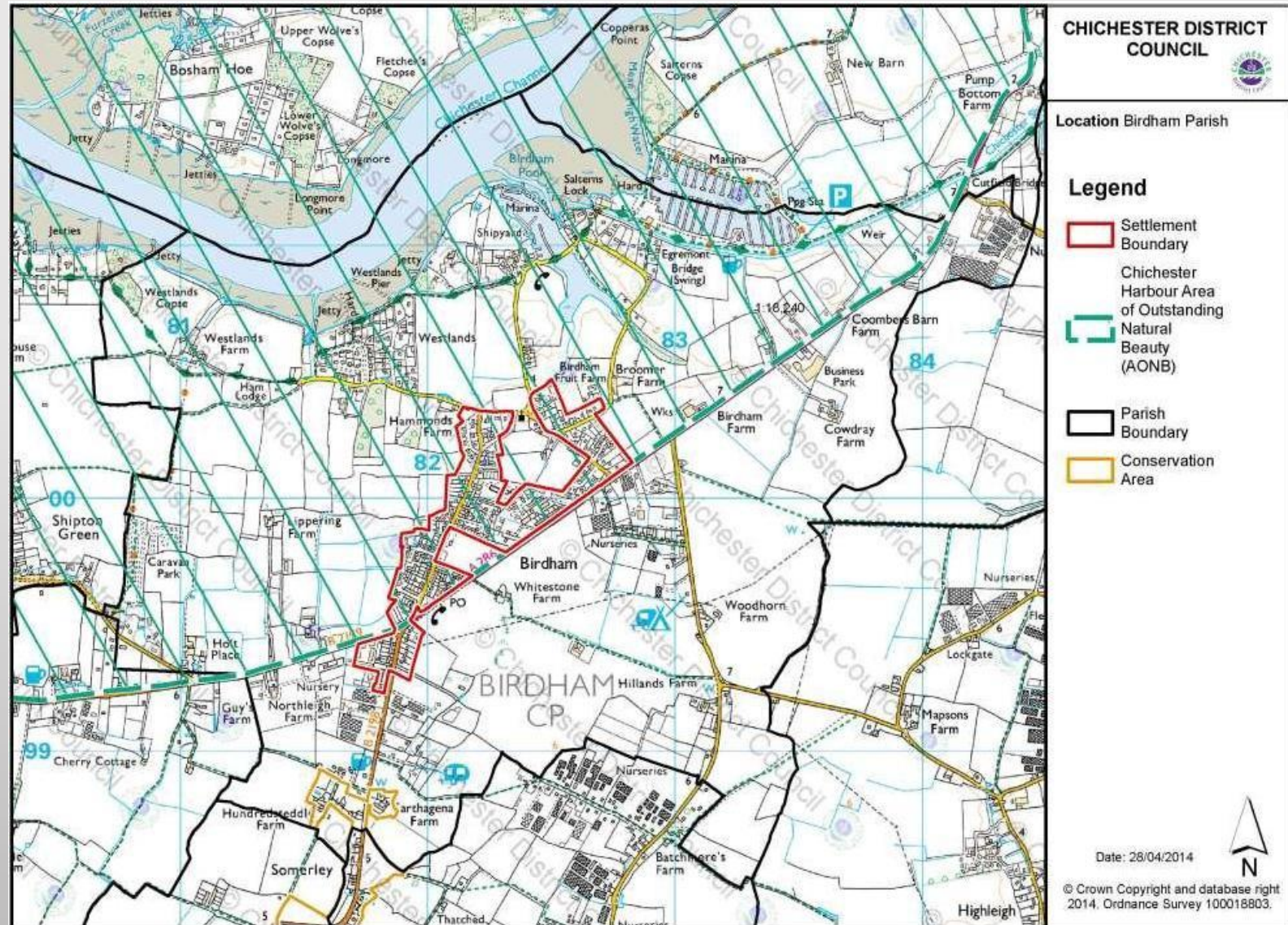
- Enormous pressure to build houses in Birdham with minimal input from local people, due to lack of Local Plan.
- Parish decided to use Neighbourhood Planning process to increase local input.
- Steering Committee, assisted by many sub-committees, all made up of local people, developed plan.
- Plan has passed all hurdles, except approval by villagers.
- Referendum 5th May. If accepted, then adopted.

Vision

To enhance Birdham as a beautiful harbour-side Parish with a close, supportive community at its heart, and to promote a sustainable thriving economy with a robust infrastructure and maintain the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, ecology and character of the harbour, canal and its rural and agricultural surroundings.



Parish Map



Birdham NP-What it does:

Sustainable sites for 79 new homes required to exceed the District Council's allocation (of 50) for Birdham.

1. Rowan Nursery, Bell Lane - 25 new homes of which 10 are social/affordable.
2. Tawny Nursery, Bell Lane - 30 new homes of which 12 are affordable.
3. Site off Crooked Lane - 15 new social/affordable homes for letting to local people in perpetuity.
4. Chichester Marina (Opal Building) - 9 new homes converted from commercial premises.

Birdham NP-What it does:

Enhances Policies which protect the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Included in vision statement – “maintain the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty”.

Builds on NPPF Policies 115 & 116 & Chichester Local Plan Policy 43.

Give significant protection to AONB.

Birdham NP-What it does:

Improvements in infrastructure to moderate the effect of new building development by promoting travel safety for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.

Policies 9 Traffic Impact, 10 Footpaths & cycle Paths, & 11 Village Severance.



Birdham NP-What it does:

Policies which identify issues to reduce the risk of surface water flooding in Birdham.

Policy 18 Flood Risk Assessment, 19 SUDS Design & management, and 19 Surface Water Run-off.



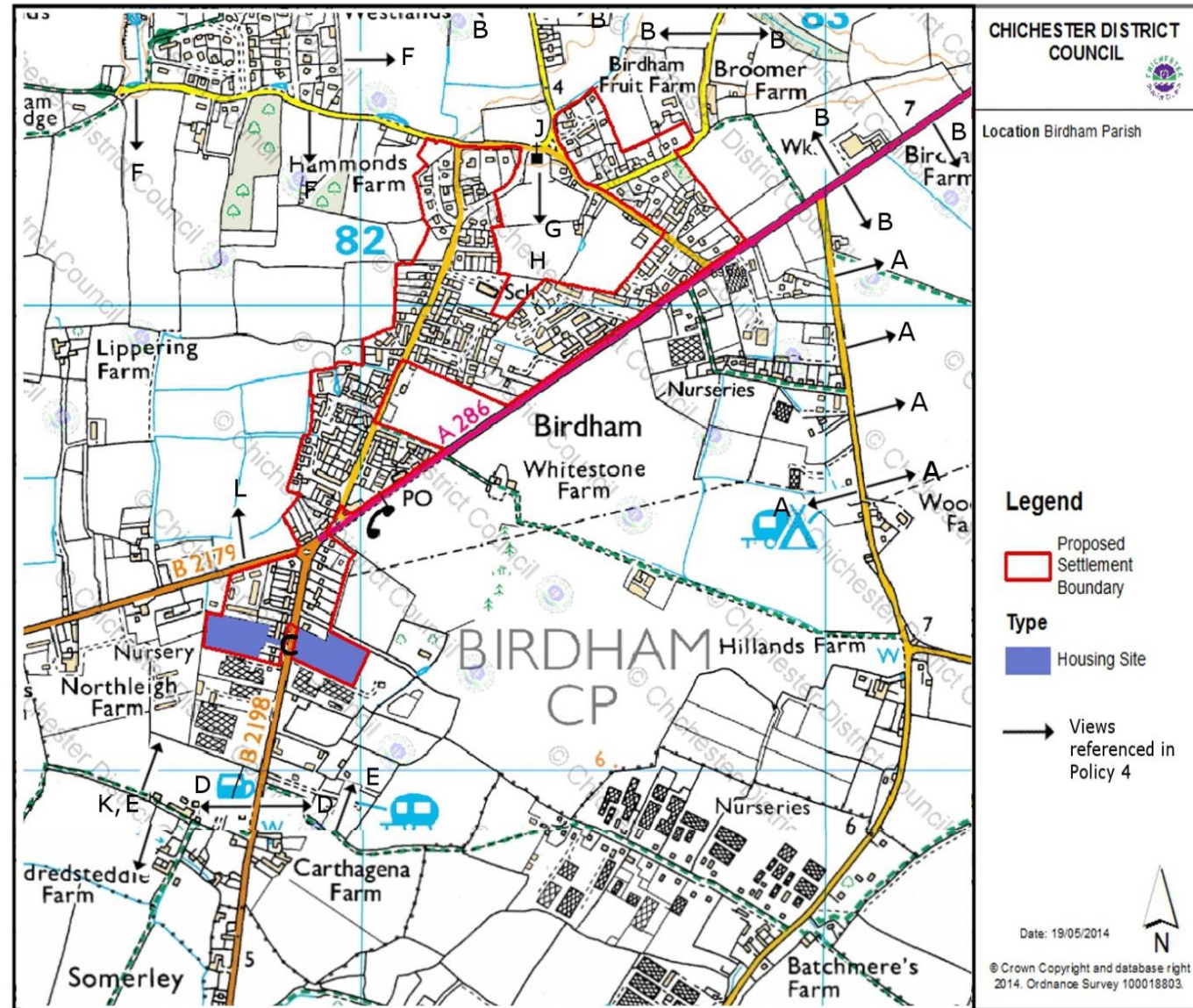
Birdham NP-What it does:

Policies for protecting and enhancing the environmental, historic and rural nature of the village.

Policies 1 through 6- Heritage, Archaeology, Habitat & Landscape..



Proposed Settlement Boundary



Action Plan Proposals

Proposal 1	Playing Field	Seek funds through the Community Infrastructure Levy to improve drainage and facilities	Parish Council
Proposal 2	Bus Service	Lobby for extended evening and Sunday services	
Proposal 3	Speed restrictions	Follow up results of speed survey and lobby for lower speed restrictions.	Parish Council
Proposal 4	Ditch Maintenance	Ensure Ditches are cleared and maintained	BEFPG

How do I vote in the referendum?

A referendum asks you to vote 'Yes' or 'No' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

Do you want Chichester District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Birdham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

You vote by putting a cross (X) in the 'Yes' or 'No' box on your ballot paper. Put a cross in **one** box only or your vote will not be counted.

Why is it important to vote?

If more people vote 'Yes' than 'No', then Chichester District Council will use the Neighbourhood plan to help it decide planning applications in Birdham.

Once adopted, Birdham Neighbourhood Plan will then become part of the Development Plan for the local area.

If more people vote 'No' than 'Yes', then planning applications in Birdham will be decided without using Birdham Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for the local area.

Where can I see the Neighbourhood Plan documents?

Documents can be viewed on the Chichester District Council's website:
www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan

Copies may also be inspected at:

Social Club, Birdham Village Hall	(Tel. 01243 512581)
St. James' Church	(Tel. 01243 514057)
Wittering Library	(Tel. 01243 673484)
Bellfield Nursery	(Tel. 01243 512333)
Russell's Garden Centre	(Tel. 01243 512525)
Birdham CE Primary School	(Tel. 01243 512399)
Chichester Yacht Club	(Tel. 01243 512918)
David Siggs, The Parish Council Clerk	(Tel. 01243 790402)

REMEMBER TO VOTE

May 5th

Birdham Village

Surface Water Drainage
and
Flood Prevention

Remember this...?



We Fixed it like this



Westlands Lane – Before ...



... during ...



... and after.



We were advised by the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group
that the trees needed to be removed.

Still work to do removing old trunks

What next?

- Crooked Lane – North end by Church Lane
- Crooked Lane – South end by A286
- Bell Lane – North end by A 286
- Pipers Mead – Ditch alongside A286



How to proceed?

- Birdham & Earnley Flood Prevention Group to continue to monitor
- West Sussex County Council to complete Action List
- Riparian owners to regularly clear ditches/culverts
- Possible Operation Watershed funding for communal works
- Parish Council - Inspection & Maintenance Programme

PROJECT PROGRESS

WORK TO BE DONE

RIPARIAN OWNERS

-  Ditches
-  Culverts

WSCC

-  Ditches
-  Culverts

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Birdham Pool Causeway
2. Court Barn Lane Ditches
3. Field Ditches
4. Westlands Lane Ditches & Culverts (N Side) & Kingfisher Pond (in progress)
5. Village Pond & Ditches to North
6. Church Lane (partially cleared ditch)
7. Westlands Lane Ditches (West)
8. Westlands Lane Ditches & Culverts (Mid)
9. A286 Ditch (Cherry Lane to Walwyn Close)
10. Rear of Walwyn Close - New Culvert
11. Florence Close - Pond, Ditches & Culverts
12. A286 Ditch (Old Common Close to Farne Lane)
13. Playing Field Ditch (along Farne Lane)
14. A286 Ditch (Farne Lane to Birdham Stores)

