

Parish Council Debate Design Statement.

The great majority of the meeting ^{on 18 March} was taken up by a detailed discussion of the Village Design Statement (VDS). An initial proposal to accept the whole report was defeated by 4 votes to 3 in favour of a more detailed discussion of the individual parts of the Statement.

The discipline Appraisal section was agreed with ~~requests~~ a few requests for greater accuracy. The Design section was discussed and voted on recommendations by recommendation. Most of the recommendations were accepted unanimously, ~~but~~ those that were not acceptable to the Council included recommendations ~~on~~ on the future of the countryside which were considered in their initial form to impinge on the independence of the farming community and the detailed recommendations ~~on~~ on the future of the River near ^{which}. It was felt ~~that~~ ~~these~~ ~~later~~ ~~recommendations~~ did not pay sufficient attention to flooding dangers and were impractical.

Nevertheless the Council expressed sincere ~~thanks~~ appreciation of the valuable work carried out by the VDS Working Party led by Michael Blackstad and looked forward to receiving and agreeing to the final Design Statement at a future meeting.

David Bouley reported on discussions with the County Council on the 'Brown' ~~sign~~ tourist signs. The County Council officers were following their present code of practice, but agreed to placing the large sign by the Church Lynch Gate on the wall of the White House. The Council agreed with the suggestion of Mr West (CC) ~~that~~ to make the East to West main road a Tourist Route providing no negative ~~effects~~ ~~were~~ consequences were discovered. This meant that the "George" sign at Langrish could be removed.

The Council agreed to accept responsibility for notification of any hedge cutting requirements & the removal of illegal signs

The Council agreed to enter into annual safety inspection contracts with RSPB for the Recreation Ground and the Play Area by the Village Hall.

Keith Lockett.