

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chilbolton Community Land Trust

A public meeting has been arranged for Thursday 13th March at 7 pm in the Village Hall to launch the Community land Trust. (CCLT)

Trustees will need to be appointed from the community and any person interested should email the parish clerk with brief personal details, email, address and phone number. Please also indicate how long you have lived in the Chilbolton and previous involvement in village activities.

The conversations planned for 8th March and 26th March are cancelled in favour of the land Trust meeting,

Planning Pre-Application

The Parish Council is committed to build affordable and downsize houses and submitted a planning pre application on 31st January for 10 affordable, 10 downsize and 5 self-build houses on the land adjacent to Eastman's Field and the Village Hall. A pre-app is simply a formal request for planning advice from Test Valley planning and is definitely not a planning application. When Test valley have considered our request they will advise the best way to proceed and the parish council will be able to consider options for discussion with the community.

Shared ownership affordable homes

Test Valley have advised that there is no list for applicants to put their name down for affordable shared ownership dwellings. There used to be a government approved site called 'Help to Buy' where applicants could apply and therefore a list was held but Help to Buy ceased in March 2023.

There is no replacement for Help to Buy but many of residents responding to the housing need survey indicated a preference for shared ownership dwellings.

More information is needed so that the CCLT can seek to provide for this need. Residents should register their interest with the parish clerk if they are interested indicating the size of house that they require.

Downsize Houses

The proposed downsize houses are for long term residents who wish to move into a smaller home with a smaller garden. They will be of generous size, typically two en-suite bedrooms, with a study area and a garage, so that there will be room for residents to keep prized furniture without being squeezed into a small space. Residents should register their interest with the parish clerk if they are interested.

Tony Ewer.

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