

To keep you all up-to-date, the Steering Group met last night (19/9) to start planning the way forward. The following topics were considered:

1. **Legal** – Stephen read out an email received from Simon Quantrill who we have asked to act as the Kirton and Trimley Land Grab solicitor (Simon has tons of experience handling planning issues). We agreed to seek an early meeting with Counsel, who will be asked to review where we are with all Kirton and Trimley St Martins planning issues. We felt we couldn't recommend a strategy to the Community, without giving ourselves a sound platform from which to formulate it.
2. **Funding** – The principles of a 'pledge'-based funding scheme were discussed. It was agreed Stephen would propose a model to the Steering Group Meeting on Wednesday, 26th September. This to address, in particular, the purposes for which funds could be paid out and the transparency of fund management. Following any modifications thought necessary, the scheme to be put before the next Community meeting in a couple of week's time.
3. **Parish Cohesion** – We have asked Simon Quantrill to advise re. a legal 'identity' for the campaign and whether or not we could operate as a charity. As soon as an appropriate entity has been set up. Once this has been done, it is our intention to seek Steering Group representation at future SCDC planning meetings and arrange for one of us to attend any committee meeting that might influence the outcome of the planning process. Despite individual people having concerns of particular importance to themselves, it was felt we must be firm in our resolve to present a united front at all times. It was agreed the objective shared by both Parishes is to prevent the identification of prime agricultural land, in either Parish, for either housing or industrial development.
4. **Other Local Campaigns** - Concurrently, we decided we would help other local campaign groups with knowledge and advice, provided their campaigns are founded on the protection of prime agricultural land from over-development. However, it was felt we are not against housing, per se, and should avoid 'muddying the waters' of our own campaign.
5. **Priorities** – It was decided Trimley housing issues are likely to be an immediate priority, as one or two of these are further advanced in the planning process.
6. **Political Initiatives** - The merits of a range of political initiatives were discussed. These are to be 'fleshed out' for a meeting of the Steering Group next Wednesday, prior to being presented to a second Community Meeting in approximately 2-3 weeks time. It was agreed this second Community meeting is to be very different from the first; it will focus entirely on planned Actions and the points when we are hoping for a wider Community involvement.
7. **Registration** - It was agreed we should take every opportunity to invite the community to register on the revamped web site, as Ryan has now made this very easy to do. Stephen to contact the large number of people who have written requesting we email them with updates. From a legal / data protection perspective it would appear best if they re-registered on the site.
8. **Technical** – It was agreed Ryan should be asked to put together a weekly summary of website and Facebook statistics and publish these online.

9. **AOB** – Several other issues needing further research were discussed and individual members of the Steering Group took on the responsibility for progressing each one. We will develop these further as and when we think we have something substantial to offer the Community.