

Affordable Homes for Little Horkesley's Current and Future Generations

The Parish Council has been aware for a while that the average cost of property within the parish and the type of property may be two factors which could prevent parishioners from being able to afford to stay within the parish. In order to see if there really is sufficient need for more affordable homes here, the Parish Council proposes that the Rural Community Council of Essex is commissioned to undertake a formal Housing Needs Survey. Then, using their expertise from many other surveys, the RCCE will interpret the survey responses and advise the PC if there is a need. Such affordable homes can be provided and run by Housing Associations solely for the use of eligible local people. These homes must remain affordable thereafter and are not allowed to be sold. If there is not sufficient demand and/ or appropriate sites cannot be procured, then building such affordable homes may not be possible, of course.

We trust the parish will support the undertaking of this survey; the higher the number of responses, the more accurately we can predict actual need and move forward to try to meet that need.

The Housing Needs Survey is likely to be sent out to each house in the parish in February or March 2018.

Little Horkesley Parish Council, December 2017