

Parish Council Case Study

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Many of us live in parishes where house prices and rental costs force locally born people to move from the area. Some 14 years ago my Parish Council decided to attempt to provide affordable housing for local people. We began by enlisting the help of Action Hampshire to conduct a Housing Survey to prove that there was a need and strengthen our argument for affordable housing.

Identifying a suitable site can prove to be difficult with local landowners reluctant to sell at affordable prices. One site was identified but proved to be unsuitable due to flooding.

After a long delay 3 potential sites were identified with the final selection made by the Parish Council after consultation with parishioners.

A planning application for a rural exception site comprising of 12 properties was made and the planning authority, Basingstoke and Deane Council, granted permission.



Building was impacted by Covid and terrible weather but finally, 12 years after we first made the decision, the development of 12 properties, built to a higher standard than commercial housing, with an agreement that they would only be available to people with a local connection and could never be sold was completed.

My Parish Council are very proud of their involvement but none of this could have been achieved without the help of Action Hampshire and their tireless staff. We thank them and strongly recommend you make them your first point of contact.



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