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## Orwell Neighbourhood Plan

You may have heard a lot about the plans for significant levels of development to be undertaken in and around Cambridge as the Government seeks to promote the city as a centre of excellence for innovation and job growth. This implies that we will be under increasing pressure to build new housing on a significant scale in the area and Orwell will not escape that pressure.

We cannot be completely resistant to development, but we must be concerned to protect those things we value in the village and the Government has established a method by which we can do this. Villages must produce a Neighbourhood Plan which defines the key priorities of residents when it relates in any way to planning. When anyone applies for planning consent the planners will consult the Neighbourhood Plan and it will have a strong influence on their decision.

A Steering Group was established by the Parish Council to formulate the Neighbourhood Plan and we have been working on it for about a year now. You may recall the group undertook a preliminary survey amongst residents last year. The group is now progressing the next phase of the work where two documents will be created that define the key issues that will be important to the Plan: the Design Code and the Housing Needs Assessment.

The Design Code defines the key characteristics of housing in the village that need to be maintained and the Housing Needs Assessment is a detailed evaluation of the need for development in the village. Both documents require outside consulting support for which we have received grants to cover the work being undertaken. However, the Steering Group has a lot to do to coordinate the work, especially in respect of community engagement and surveying the opinions of the community.

The Steering Group would very much appreciate additional help to conduct this work and would welcome volunteers. It is hoped that you will recognise its importance to our community. If you would like more information on what this would entail, please send an email.

You can keep up to date with the group's work on the web site: [orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](https://orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk).

If you want to get in touch, you can email the Steering Group on [info@orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](mailto:info@orwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

Steering Group: Maggie Gould, Emma Tabor, Philip Hodgson, Steven Thain, Mark Collins. Please feel free to speak to any of them.

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*Are you looking for an interesting and varied job, where  
you can contribute to making a real difference in your  
local community?*

Orwell Parish Council is looking for a

**Parish Clerk – Fully trained or trainee**

The role is part-time, with flexible hours and the option to work from home some of the time. The Parish Council will pay for comprehensive training if required.

For further details please follow the link or scan the QR code below to learn more about the role, hours & salary

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**The Sheep will be returning** to the Clunch Pit, Glebe Field and Paddock this week.

Would all dog walkers please ensure that their dog does not distress or harm the sheep.

Any concerns re the sheep please contact the shepherd, Jacob, on 07585 304402.