

Birlingham VDS Timeline

- September 2011** After discussions over several months, the Parish Council sent out a [letter](#) to all residents to gauge support for a Parish Plan. A number of letters were received from residents offering to be involved. However, after discussions at several PC meetings, it was decided to take no further action until the South Worcestershire Development Plan had been finalised and the new Government's Localism Bill was better understood.
- 17th September 2014** A further [letter](#) was sent out, this time suggesting a Neighbourhood Plan. Again, there were a number of responses and it was decided to hold a meeting to discuss the options.
- 2nd February 2015** Open [meeting](#), with Andrew Ford (WDC) in attendance. Advantages of Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement were explained. Following a tied vote on the question of a Neighbourhood Plan, the meeting asked the Parish Council to do a survey of the village to find out what people wanted
- August 2015** Village [survey](#) distributed.
- 29th October 2015** Village survey presentation meeting. Results of survey explained. A vote was taken and those present agreed to support a VDS. The [presentation](#) was subsequently loaded onto the village website.
- 18th November 2015** Parish Council decided to go ahead with a VDS ([minutes](#), item 13). Andrew Ford had supplied three background documents ([Making Design Work](#); Village Design, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)).
- 29th January 2016** Two councillors had a [meeting](#) with Andrew Ford to get more information about VDS.
- 16th May 2016** VDS public meeting. Powerpoint [presentation](#) given. Groups formed to research various aspects of the plan.
- 15th October 2016** VDS Open Day ([flyer 1](#) & [flyer 2](#)). Drafting of the VDS document began. Early versions of the draft VDS were shared with the WDC planning department.
- 19th July 2017** Draft VDS approved by Birlingham Parish Council.
- 1st September 2017** Draft VDS made available for public comment.