

## Mendlesham CLT

I just wanted to inform the meeting about work initiating from the Parish Council and Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan to form Mendlesham Community Land Trust otherwise known as Mendlesham CLT.

This project has been ongoing for some time but progress has been delayed due to Covid and the priority of work required to complete the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

Objectives of the CLT are :

“The provision of housing for the benefit of the community together with such other activities which provides assets or services also for the benefit of the community”

The community being ...” those people that live, work or have a strong local connection to the Parish of Mendlesham and who require assistance ...”

At the moment the CLT is operating with the support of the Parish Council, it will eventually operate as a standalone organisation but work closely with the Parish Council . It will consist of trustees and members.

Very shortly we will be asking for your support. We need skilled trustees and members with support from the Community. Trustees cannot be totally represented by Parish Councillors. This needs a much wider representation and management by the Community.

We hope that formation of this trust will provide Mendlesham with the legal vehicle to seize any opportunities that arise e.g., provision of Community housing, secured in perpetuity, remember Right to Buy has meant the loss of homes that are available to be rented locally, plus the ability to consider protection of community assets and services that are in danger of being lost.

We will be in touch very shortly with further news and information.