

## **Parish Plan Review**

The origins of the plan were to engage more as a council with the community and to establish what was important to the Parishioners. Therefore we could more actively focus on these aspects and hopefully make decisions and actions in a proactive manner.

The principal of the plan was formed following a questionnaire to all parishioners via the newsletter and online which was undertaken in July to September 2012.

There were seven main issues that arose from this questionnaire and these formed our action plan “**The way forward**” they were; Transport, Traffic, Housing & Development, Environment, Crime, Services and Community life. The main comments and what position we are at today are below.

### **TRANSPORT,**

A better and more frequent bus service.

Addressed, 2015/2016 has seen more frequent services and better access points

### **TRAFFIC**

Speed, Road Marking and HGV

Partly addressed, we now have two VAS signs to deploy around the village with some positive affect on speeds. Also road markings have been refreshed.

Associated Car boot congestion and Cycle/Footpaths.

ON GOING, Dialog has been entered into and surveys undertaken in respect of Boot Sales but this and lack of cycle and footpaths is still an issue and traffic volume has increased.

### **HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT**

There was an acceptance of some development but on a small scale and on an owner occupier basis.

ON GOING, Large scale developments off Mill Lane and also occupation of site by the Railway at Kayte lane have been formally rejected but appeals are in process.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Car boot sales and the associated rubbish.

Fly tipping plus general roadside and footpath maintenance

ON GOING, The recent Lengtsman Scheme has helped re verges and pathway clearance. Litter pickers still operating and thanks should be expressed to them.

### **CRIME**

Burglary was main worry.

ON GOING, Crime is still low and Neighbourhood Watch is active but maybe needs reinvigorating with more volunteers.

## **SERVICES**

### **Road and pavement maintenance, drainage**

ON GOING, this is a country wide issue and stems from lack of budget. We will continue to push for potholes and dangerous areas to be addressed as a matter of urgency

Broadband

Addressed, Superfast broadband is available now

## **COMMUNITY LIFE,**

This is a broad topic and included some issues already mentioned such as footpaths and services but also a Children's play area, greater use for Village Hall, community energy plan, and Community garden with seating.

Partly addressed, we have seen the wider use of the Village Hall for the community such as PUB NIGHTS and the BOULES PITCH. Further benches have been placed in the grounds so you can take a few minutes to sit in the sun.

ON GOING, we do still need to look at Footpaths, an Energy plan and a Children's play area but we know our main issues are budget and also a suitable site.

## **Recommendation**

We need to have an action plan and steering group to see where we can possibly move forward on some of the sticky issues such as footpaths, Children' play area and the energy plan. Also with the demographics changing in the village all the time and it being 5 years since the last questionnaire I would like to recommend we commission another questionnaire to update us on the current thinking of the community, checking relevance and to see where we might continue to add value as a council. By our action this will update the Parish Plan and keep it as a live and pertinent document.

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