

## Bradpole Parish Council ~ An Action Plan for the 2020's

### Introduction

During the past decade Bradpole Parish Council (BPC) maintained an Action Plan based upon the 2011 Parish Plan, the 2016 Parish Plan Review and subsequent consultation responses.

The Parish Plan Action Plan was last reviewed in December 2021.

Aims and Actions that have since been either completed or have become established into the Council's routine activities have been removed from this update.

The Bradpole Parish Action Plan incorporates the need for future consultations to be undertaken, in the form of a new Parish Plan and by other means, thus enabling this Action Plan for the 2020's to be updated on an annual basis to continually reflect residents' wishes and concerns.

***DURING 2022 COVID-19 continues to affect plans within the civil parish and beyond.***

### Parish Council Resilience

*This section to be updated annually in December  
with 2022 action highlighted ↓*

Aims & Actions	Priority	Partners & Solutions	Status	Annual Monitoring Review
To ensure that Bradpole Parish Council (BPC) has the resilience to provide a high level of service to residents	High	Parish Clerk, Councillors, Dorset Council, residents.  Ensuring that BPC has the necessary level of clerical support.	ongoing	A Deputy Clerk was appointed in early 2021 to accommodate the additional responsibilities that Dorset Council anticipates will be devolved to Parish Councils.

		A continual advertising /communication campaign to attract the co-option of volunteer residents to fill the specific councillor roles required to maintain an efficient level of service to all of the communities within the civil parish.		<p>Vacancies continue to be advertised. Regular adverts on social media etc.</p> <p>An additional Councillor was co-opted to the Parish Council during 2022.</p>
To ensure that BPC transacts its business in a transparent and proper manner for the benefit of its electors.	High	<p>All stakeholders.</p> <p>By ensuring complete adherence to all protocols and the Nolan Principles of public service.</p>	ongoing	<p>Councillors are reminded of their responsibilities and receive appropriate training.</p> <p>Councillors have adopted a revised <a href="#">Code of Conduct</a> and Councillors registers of interests have been digitalised and updated.</p> <p>A quarterly newsletter is published on parish council notice boards.</p> <p>COVID-19 has resulted in a change to procedures. Council meeting were held via ZOOM during the first half of 2021 but have now returned to face -to face meetings.</p> <p>Weekly reports to councillors have been initiated and are published on the <a href="#">Council's Website</a> for public transparency</p> <p>Dorset Council, under a Community Governance Review, has determined, contrary to the expressed views of Bradpole residents, that Bradpole Parish Council should be</p>

				abolished and converted to a Ward of a new Bridport Council in 2024. Website posts regularly and transparently produce information as this evolves.
To ensure that each area of the Civil Parish is represented	High	Councillors have responsibilities for the whole civil parish but will also be allocated individual areas of the parish on a geographical basis.	To be initiated	Councillors have been allocated specific areas of responsibility around the Civil Parish.

Community: Safety, Services and Activities				
Aims & Actions	Priority	Partners & Solutions	Status	Annual Monitoring Review
To arrange meetings with Police and other stakeholders to deal with safety issues.	Medium	Local Councils, Police, Schools, residents' groups, Dorset Councillors for the Bridport Area.	In process	Parish councillors have held on site meetings with Dorset Council flood officers, & residents and other agencies.
To support the installation of defibrillator apparatus at key points in the Parish	Medium/High	Village Hall Trustees, Bradpole Fete committee, residents, charitable organisations.	Ongoing	<p>The defibrillator installation at the Village Hall was completed during 2021 and community training has been provided by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Local residents assist with the management of this facility.</p> <p>We continue to look for other locations within the Parish.</p>

Provide for emergency situations in the Parish	Medium/High	Stakeholders, residents. Create an Emergency Procedures Plan.  Encourage volunteers Flood Wardens.	Ongoing	An <a href="#">Emergency Procedures Plan</a> has been published, local organisations have been engaged.  Resident volunteer flood wardens are being sought in line with the Bradpole Climate Plan.
To support, protect and retain local Post Office, Shops, Pubs, and other community services	Medium/High	A Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan (BANP) objective. BPC, Dorset Council, other stakeholders.	ongoing	BPC supports campaigns to retain services and responds appropriately to any consultations.  Unfortunately for a combination of reasons the proprietors of the Village Stores and Post Office were unable to continue operations.
To protect and enhance existing community facilities.	Medium/High	BANP objective. BPC. Matched funding opportunities.	ongoing	In line with BANP policies & project # 8. Funds included in the 2022/3 budget to replace and enhance facilities at our Green Spaces. <b>Earmarked reserves</b> are held by BPC.  During 2022 a new, well used, Fitness Trail was installed at the Gore Cross Recreation Area. This was achieved with financial contributions from some local businesses.  During 2022 the swings, together with the safety ground cover, at the Pageants Play Area were replaced.  A review of ease of access to Recreation Areas to be undertaken in 2023.

Provide support to the Trustees of the Bradpole Forster Village Hall	Medium/High	Trustees,  Charity Commission,  Residents.	ongoing	A new team of trustees was elected by residents in October 2020.  BPC has been able to offer help and advice to the new Trustees and provide publicity platforms via the Parish website, social media, noticeboards etc.
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Planning and Development				
Aim & Actions	Priority	Partners & Solutions	Status	Annual Monitoring Review
To obtain and respond to the views and concerns of residents	High	Residents and other stakeholders Consultations at community events. A new Parish Plan consultation to be undertaken when circumstances allow.	ongoing	<p>The Parish Plan was completed in 2011 and a review based upon housing needs was undertaken in 2016.</p> <p>A new Parish Plan was to be considered in the future but given proposed Council re-organisation no funds will be spent on this for the time being.</p> <p>An Open Day was held at the Village Hall to enable residents to express views on Council re-organisation.</p> <p>Bradpole Parish Council joined with other local bodies in 2022 to celebrate the Queens Jubilee at Gore Cross Recreation Ground. Community event(s) are planned for in 2023.</p>

To obtain views of residents on the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) funds	Medium-High	Residents and other stakeholders Consultations at community events.	As and when a levy is receivable	<p>CiL Funds received during 2022 contributed to the new facilities at Gore Cross Recreation Area in line with Parish Plan objectives.</p> <p>CiL funding is remains under review by H.M. Govt.</p>
To promote the views of local residents in Consultations for the Dorset Local Plan	High	<p>Dorset Council &amp; Councillors, Residents.</p> <p>BPC to ensure the views of the residents are reflected in responses and to consider ways of updating the Parish Council's understanding of residents' views.</p>	ongoing	<p>Following the 2019 unification of District Councils to form Dorset Council a new Local Plan was to be completed by 2024. The 1<sup>st</sup> consultation on the new Local Plan was undertaken in early 2021. Bradpole Parish Council submitted a <a href="#">response</a>.</p> <p>In answer to responses received, and for other reasons, the <a href="#">Dorset Local Plan</a> process has now been extended for proposed adoption in 2026</p>
To communicate information to residents relating to the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan (BANP)	High	<p>BANP participating Councils</p> <p>BPC has an active web site, social media platforms and notice boards spread around the Civil Parish to share information.</p>	ongoing	<p>BANP was adopted at Referendum in Feb 2020 There is an official Joint Councils' Committee (JCC) comprising of participating councils which monitors the BANP.</p> <p>A Bradpole Parish Council BANP <a href="#">Monitoring Report</a> was published during 2022</p> <p>More about the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the <a href="#">Parish Website</a>.</p>

To improve information distribution and consultation in respect of local planning issues	Medium/High	<p>BANP objective.</p> <p>Links to all current planning applications on the Parish Website at: <a href="https://bradpole.org.uk/">https://bradpole.org.uk/</a></p>	ongoing	<p>To further inform residents a Bradpole Council Facebook page was opened in 2017 at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BradpoleCouncil/">https://www.facebook.com/BradpoleCouncil/</a></p> <p>Dorset Council are continuing to transform their Planning portal which is nearing completion</p> <p>H.M. Govt. continues to review the planning system.</p>
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The Environment & Heritage Assets				
Aims & Actions	Priority	Partners & Solutions	Status	Annual Monitoring Review
To create and implement a Bradpole Climate Change Plan to reflect growing local, national and international concerns.	High	<p>BANP objective.</p> <p>Adjoining parishes, BANP, Dorset Council.</p> <p>Local Schools/Academy, Parish-based employees.</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	commenced	<p>A Bradpole Climate Action Plan was adopted in March 2020.</p> <p>A <u>2<sup>nd</sup> review</u> was undertaken during 2022.</p> <p>A <u>CLIMATE CHANGE</u> website page has been established to inform residents.</p> <p>Social media posts and community events will be used to increase public awareness.</p> <p>An amount has been included in the annual budget to cover implementation and monitoring costs and support for community groups.</p>

To keep verges, hedges, and ditches, footpaths, gates and stiles better maintained.	Medium/High	A BANP objective. Bridport Town Council's "lengthsman scheme". Dorset Council, & Landowners. The Lengthsmen carry out general maintenance around the civil parish e.g. cutting hedges, clearing pathways, emptying rubbish and dog bins.	ongoing	BANP project #13 BPC, being part of the Bridport lengthsman scheme, pays Bridport Town Council an annual fee for services to Bradpole Parish.  BPC also has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Dorset Council Rights of Way to maintain footpaths etc. BPC continues to work with landowners to install additional dog/rubbish bins.
To ensure the routine maintenance of roads, pavements and drains.	Medium/High	Dorset Council and residents. The <u>Parish website</u> has links to online reporting pages which may be used by members of the public to report issues direct.	ongoing	BPC and residents report to the appropriate authority e.g. Highways, and are pleased with the quick responses often seen.  Volunteer flood wardens are being sought for both Pymore and Bradpole.
To protect and maintain heritage assets in Bradpole Civil Parish	Medium	BANP objective. Land and property owners, planning and conservation officers, other stakeholders.	ongoing	Funds have been allocated in budgets to refurbish the Railway Crossing Gates.  A project to refurbish heritage finger posts around the parish has been completed thanks to the help of volunteers.  Restoration work to the lettering on the Great War Memorial was undertaken to ensure this important parish focal point is conserved.



To ensure our community spaces are protected and available for enjoyment by the public.	High	BANP objective. <a href="#">Fields in Trust</a> , Dorset Council, maintenance contractors. Bradpole Fete Committee and other Community Groups & residents.	ongoing	BANP, adopted in February 2020, provides additional protection to that already provided by <i>Fields in Trust</i> . Active community groups help achieve the Aims & Actions and receive support from the Parish Council.
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Traffic and Transport				
Aims & Actions	Priority	Partners & Solutions	Status	Annual Monitoring Review
To investigate ways of encouraging cycling and walking in and around the Parish increasing connectivity for all.	Medium	BANP objective. Dorset Council, Residents Groups, Road Safety partnerships, Sustrans , WAYTAG, adjoining parishes.	ongoing	<p>Discussions held within the BANP and with other adjoining councils e.g. Loders Parish Council.</p> <p>A round Bradpole walking route has been established and published on the <a href="#">Parish Council website</a>. Hard copies available from the Parish Clerk</p> <p>This route liaises with the <a href="#">Round Bridport Green Route</a>.</p> <p>Both routes are in line with project 13 of the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions are held with the Dorset Rights of Way and the Monarchs Way long-distance walk teams to improve signage and mapping information.</p>

To improve bus routes and services	Medium/High	BANP objective. Bridport Town Council, Dorset Council, WAYTAG	ongoing	BANP project #12 BPC promotes usage of the Round Bridport Community Bus.
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