

## Bradpole Parish Plan ~ Action Plan Update December 2017

### Introduction

The Parish Plan Action Plan was last reviewed in November 2015. An overall Review of the Parish Plan was undertaken in 2016.

This end of year review takes into account action undertaken relating to the Parish Plan during 2017.

2017 updates are highlighted in **YELLOW**

Environment and Development			
Aim/Action	Priority	Partners & Possible Solution	Status
<p>☐ To put forward the views of local residents as expressed in the Parish Plan to the District Council Consultation for the new District Plan</p>	High	<p>Parish Council, Bradpole District Councillor, WDDC, DCC, Residents.</p> <p>Parish Council to embrace the results of the PP consultation and ensure the views of the residents are reflected in responses to other governing bodies.</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>The Parish Council (PC) answer consultations as and when required.</p> <p>We have responded to the Local Plan “Issues and Options” consultation early in 2017 and await a “Preferred options” report in Spring of 2018.</p>
<p>☐ To use the information and views of the residents as detailed in the Parish Plan to inform future discussions regarding development in the Parish</p>	High	<p>Parish Council already have a web site. Residents could be asked to subscribe to a mailing list alerting them to current issues and changes or additions to the web site.</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>Since the completion of the PP the gov’t has launched the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) initiative. The NP has to be community led. During Sept 13 the PC delivered an invitation to each household in the civil parish asking them to attend a meeting to discuss this opportunity and if they wished to be involved. Not enough people came forward to form a sustainable steering group so the decision was made not to proceed.</p> <p>The PC has joined in with BTC &amp; other local Parish Council’s in the preparation of a wider Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. There is an official Joint Councils Committee to oversee the preparation of the Wider Area Neighbourhood Plan. Bradpole PC is represented on this Committee which oversees the Plan development. We contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan Sites Assessment Survey in January 2017 using the evidence of our residents’ wishes as expressed in the 2011 Parish Plan &amp; 2016 Review.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan group undertook a 2017 Consultation across the wider Bridport Area. Some 200+ responses from the area around Bradpole Civil Parish were separately</p>

				<p>analysed by your councillors. This analysis found that the Plan proposals were generally well supported with the protection of our Green environment and Open Spaces receiving the greatest level of support.</p> <p>Housing responses were mixed with a general agreement that there should be no large scale development but that there could be some proportionate small scale development to provide predominantly low cost housing for local people.</p> <p>Not unsurprisingly the 2017 responses mirrored those of the 2016 Parish Plan Review.</p> <p>More about the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish Website page at: <a href="https://bradpole.org.uk/bridport-area-neighbourhood-plan/">https://bradpole.org.uk/bridport-area-neighbourhood-plan/</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve information distribution and consultation in respect of local planning issues	High	Parish Council to consider a regular newsletter.	dormant	<p>Due to the lack of councillors and the increasing delegation of tasks to the P C from district and county the P C has not had the time or resources to progress a newsletter. However the Parish Council website <a href="http://bradpole.org.uk/">http://bradpole.org.uk/</a> has been greatly enhanced and is now regularly updated with local planning matters and Civil Parish information.</p> <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> which is in addition to our twitter page at: <a href="https://twitter.com/Bradpolepp">@Bradpolepp</a></p> <p>These pages are regularly updated with current Community information.</p>

Looking after the environment			Status	
<input type="checkbox"/> To keep verges, hedges, and ditches better maintained.	High	Parish Council, Bradpole District Councillor, WDDC, DCC, lengthsman. Parish Council to investigate a system of agreeing maintenance schedules and communicating urgent issues with the relevant responsible organisation.	ongoing	<p>The P C have become part of the local lengthsman scheme.</p> <p>The lengthsman carry out general maintenance around the civil parish e.g. cutting hedges, clearing pathways, emptying rubbish and dog bins, weed killing. The lengthsman are employed by the town council and parish councils buy some of their time. Bradpole pay for 20 hours work time per month.</p> <p>A schedule of works is agreed and carried out. This scheme is working well for Bradpole,</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> To keep footpaths, gates and stiles better maintained	High	Parish Council to investigate a system of agreeing maintenance schedules and communicating urgent issues with the relevant responsible organisation.	ongoing	<p>Lengthsman scheme as above.</p> <p>Continuing Government cut backs make this an increasingly difficult area to manage to our satisfaction.</p> <p>We shall be monitoring the effects of the proposed unification of Dorset Councils as more information becomes available.</p>

□ Enable outstanding repairs and renewals of drainage system to be prioritised	High	Parish Council to investigate a system of agreeing maintenance schedules and communicating urgent issues with the relevant responsible organisation.	ongoing	The P C report and progress repairs etc., with the appropriate authority e.g. Highways, Water companies.
□ To ensure routine inspections and cleaning of drains	High	Parish Council to investigate a system of agreeing maintenance schedules and communicating urgent issues with the relevant responsible organisation.	ongoing	Cllrs and members of the parish report issues to the clerk who progresses with appropriate authority. All these issues can be reported direct to the council through their web site as well.
□ To reduce dog fouling around the parish	High	Parish Council to pursue ways to enforce dog fouling laws. This could be through the use of existing authorities and by leading a public information campaign.	ongoing	Dog bins have been installed around the parish. "No fouling" and other assorted signs have been placed in appropriate areas. Regrettable there remain a small number of irresponsible persons who ignore common decency and do not clear up their dog's mess. We continue to highlight this on our social media platforms.

Making more use of the environment			Status	
□ To look for opportunities to create more allotments in the Parish	Medium	Parish Council, Landowners, Diocese, Bradpole District Councillor, WDDC, Residents Groups, Playing Fields Association. Parish Council to continue pursuing land for use as allotments.	completed	The P C advertised in local papers and magazines for land to be made available. No response was received. The P C approached the diocese in respect of land off Watford Lane. The diocese does not wish to make this land available.  At the end of 2017 our allotments were fully allocated and were being well maintained. More information on our website at: <a href="https://bradpole.org.uk/bradpole-community/council-owned-green-spaces/bradpole-p-c-allotments/">https://bradpole.org.uk/bradpole-community/council-owned-green-spaces/bradpole-p-c-allotments/</a>

<p>□ To ensure the existing community open spaces - Gore Cross Green, Pageants Close Playground &amp; Field, Railway Gardens &amp; The Gore are retained as community space and available for enjoyment by the public.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Parish Council to investigate the avenues available to legally protect the existing community open spaces within Bradpole.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>The Parish Council has been progressing this in line with residents' requests since 2012. During 2016 we were able to have Gore Cross Green protected in perpetuity by "Fields in Trust" <a href="http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Field_Listing_Gore_Cross_Green">http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Field_Listing_Gore_Cross_Green</a> As at December 2017 an application had been submitted to "Fields in Trust" to similarly protect Pageants' Field &amp; Play Area.</p> <p>New benches have been installed to encourage people to enjoy using Gore Cross Green, the old goal posts have been replaced and the playing surface improved. During 2015 the PC arranged a more frequent grass cut which has further improved the Green and is on-going. In the summer of 2017 a community picnic, arranged by the Parish Council, was well attended by residents of all ages.</p> <p>Pageants Close Playground and Field continues to prove to be a popular and well used amenity. Safety checks and routine maintenance are carried out. A new slide tower was installed during 2015.</p> <p>Funding is available to community groups for improvement and development of Green Spaces. The residents of Bradpole are invited and encouraged to form groups to support these areas. The Parish Council would welcome and assist the formation of community groups and encourage local residents to contact them if they are interested.</p>
<p>□ Enable improvement and a greater and varied use of existing community open spaces</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Parish Council together with interested residents to seek ways in which to further develop the use of the parishes' existing community open spaces.</p> <p>The Young Persons Plan Group to work in conjunction with the Parish Council to enable consultation in respect of improvements and to investigate funding opportunities.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>As above</p>

Traffic and Transport			Status	
□ Investigate ways of encouraging cycling in the Parish	Medium	Parish Council, Bradpole District Councillor, WDDC , DCC, Residents Groups, Road Safety partnerships, Sustrans , WAYTAG, WDDC, DCC. Plans for a cycle route are already in progress. Parish Council to support the Young Person Plan Group in enabling safer cycling.	Dormant	See below
□ Investigate the possibility of more cycle paths	Low	Plans for a cycle route are already in progress. Parish Council to support and assist the lead partners whenever possible.	On-going	The PC supported the application for a cycle path through Bradpole. The Trailway through Happy Island was opened in 2014. An extension of the cycle connection to Bridport Town and the coast was underway as at December 2017.
□ Investigate improving bus routes and services	Medium	Parish Council to consult with the transport providers whenever possible.	ongoing	The P C supports campaigns to retain services and responds appropriately to any consultations. Following further service cutbacks there are on-going discussions regarding a community bus service.
Community Safety				
• Investigate the possibility arranging meetings between the Police and the community	Medium	Parish Council, Dorset Police, Residents Groups.	ongoing	The P C encourages the Police to attend meetings. Councillors have been in liaison with the Bridport Neighbourhood Police Team during 2017.
• Investigate the expansion of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme	Medium	Dorset Police & Existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme groups.	completed	Enquiries were made and those residents that expressed an interest at the PP meetings were contacted. The PC volunteered to facilitate a meeting between residents and Neighbourhood Watch officers. The residents declined to progress. We have also looked into the possibility of a Neighbourhood Speed Check Team and the Parish Council will look to assist any community group wishing to progress this.

Community Services and Activities			Status	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To retain &amp; protect Mobile Library Service</li> <li>To support, protect and retain local Post Office, Shops &amp; Pubs</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Parish Council, WDDC, DCC &amp; Service Users.</p> <p>Parish Council, WDDC, DCC, owners and residents. Parish Council to offer support if necessary.</p>	ongoing	<p>The P C supports campaigns to retain services and responds appropriately to any consultations.</p> <p>The P C supports campaigns to retain services and responds appropriately to any consultations. Unfortunately, as at the end of 2017, the Post Office had closed and is up for sale. Whilst the Parish Council hopes to see the re-opening of a Post Office it will be the decision of any purchaser of the property as to how the premises are used.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable and support Diamond Jubilee Party	High	Parish Council to enable a Diamond Jubilee celebration. This could be by supporting the Village Fete Group, Parish Plan Steering Group and interested parties.	completed	The P C joined in with other community groups and financed the very successful Jubilee Celebration. Commemorative coins were made available to all the children in the civil parish
<input type="checkbox"/> Investigate starting up additional social groups and Support the Village Hall	Medium	Interested Residents, Village Hall Committee, Parish Council. Parish Plan Steering Group to contact interested parties and ask if they would like to progress a group.	completed	The P C and the Village Hall committee approached and offered to help the residents who had expressed an interest to set up various groups. The residents declined to progress.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support the start-up of local Film Group at the Village Hall.	High	Residents, Village Hall Committee & Moviola. Parish Plan Steering Group to contact interested parties and ask if they would like to progress a group.	completed	The P C obtained all the information, agreed to grant start-up costs and approached the residents who had expressed an interest to set up a local film group. This is being progressed by a group of residents as at the end of 2017.