

BREDFIELD PARISH PLAN – AN UPDATE

It is now nearly one year since Bredfield Parish Plan was presented to the village at a public meeting. Since that time the plan has not disappeared, and it is time that parishioners should be brought up to date. A new committee was formed after the public meeting to carry forward the various points raised in the report, and this meets on a regular basis in the village hall. Some points have already been completed and we are actively pursuing others, for example the conducting of an environmental study of the parish, for which we will call on the help of villagers. You should hear more of this later.

The following points have been / are being pursued:

POINTS GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY:

AP2 To ensure speed limits are enforced within the village.

Action: local Safer Neighbourhood Team contacted; they have confirmed that they will continue to make regular visits to the Parish with speed check equipment; speed restriction signs being checked

AP3 To ensure that authorities are aware of the detrimental effect of HGV traffic flow through the village and this is reflected in the Local Development Framework (LDF)

Action: Parish Council has given support to SORR (Save Our Rural Roads) to represent the parish's views on HGV traffic to local authorities; district & county councillor is fully aware of concerns; Work still continuing with LDF team

AP4 To ensure that controls of HGV traffic flow are reviewed with a view to reducing the flow

Action: Parish Council supports SORR in local campaign to reduce the source of HGV traffic; District & County Councillor is fully aware of concerns; Work continues to control and reduce HGV traffic

AP5 To secure better access onto the southbound carriageway of the A12 from the C309

Action: County / District Councillor fully briefed; Guy McGregor (portfolio holder, Roads & Transport, SCC) made aware of the problem. Various schemes are now under consideration, which include both new road markings and the possibility of traffic lights.

AP6 To stop hazardous parking at the Forge

Action: local businesses have been contacted & advised; some improvement noted (but will probably require regular reminding & may need a more formal approach i.e. by letter)

POINTS GIVEN A MEDIUM PRIORITY:

AP1 To investigate changes to the bus timetable and route & provide a more frequent and direct service to Ipswich

Action: letters received from Philip Magill, Contracts and Information officer, Suffolk County Council - commercial pressures and demands drive bus timetables; new schedule is aimed at providing a more frequent service to Woodbridge rather than Ipswich; a wider choice exists from Woodbridge.

AP8 To ensure that the Local Development Framework (LDF) specifies that only single dwelling in controlled locations (or) small groups of less than five dwellings are permitted in the parish.

Action: contact has been made with LDF team at SCDC who confirm that they will follow Parish Plans; a meeting with the team to be held

AP9 To ensure that the LDF specifies that any future development must be within the existing physical limits boundary.

Action: as AP8 above

AP11 To secure a wider range of re-cycling facilities within the village.

Action: matter discussed with Daniel Wareing at SCDC; no prospect of more static facilities in the village, but 'Blue bins' able to take a wider range of waste for recycling will be issued to all households in the parish during 2008; content of the 'Brown bins' widened to take kitchen waste and some cardboard.

AP12 To work with the County Library Service to publicise the mobile library.

Action: article with times of visits etc. published in Grundisburgh News

AP18 To work with Bredfield website(s) to encourage and support its wider use.

Action: contact made with sponsors of the two Bredfield websites and content of both has been expanded and updated and links between sites established

AP19 To undertake an environmental survey of the Parish.

Action: Suffolk Wildlife Trust contacted and an Action Pack for a survey received; bio-diversity group in Parham contacted. Agreed that a village group to undertake the survey to be formed after a public meeting.

AP21 To investigate suitable sites for a wildlife area.

Area: one site tentatively identified by committee; awaiting further developments and results of AP19

AP22 To work with the footpaths officer to ensure that all local footpaths are marked and maintained

Action: SCC officers contacted to initiate work; some more local help may be required – volunteers have been identified. To be continued.

POINTS GIVEN A LOW PRIORITY:

AP15 To inform and work with the Village Hall to improve facilities

Action: Village Hall Management Committee informed; a programme of refurbishment and improvement agreed; grants currently being sought to fund work

AP16 To inform the Tennis Club of the desire for wider inclusion and easier access

Action: Tennis Club have been advised & will consider matter

AP17 To work with the VHMC to ensure that the play area is better maintained and upkeep is to a higher level

Action: VHMC informed; area has been inspected by SCDC officers and improvements planned; possibility of grant being investigated

AP29 To investigate the provision of 'dog waste bins' on or near the playing fields.

Action: One dog waste bin has been purchased and installed by the Parish Council

AP30 To investigate the feasibility of providing and staffing some form of youth activities club

Action: contact made with Just42 youth group who have now started a youth club which meets regularly in the Village Hall

A number of other Action Points remain outstanding, but all points raised will be tackled over the next few months by the Committee.

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Chairman, Bredfield Parish Plan

The following points remain un-started as yet:

Medium Priority:

- AP7 To investigate traffic flow and signage at the Pump
- AP19 To inform local education providers of the desire for further education classes in the village
- AP20 To secure and enhance the environment of the parish
- AP28 To investigate the possibility of restarting Cub & Beaver groups
- AP31 To raise the awareness of various help & advice bodies that are available to the local community
- AP32 To explore the provision of broadband access to those outside the village envelope

Low Priority:

- AP13 to investigate suitable options for resizing and resting the post box near the Castle public house
- AP14 to work with various village groups & publicise their activities with the aim of increasing membership
- AP23 To review the road signage within the parish and rationalise
- AP24 To investigate the provision of passing places on certain roads within the Parish
- AP26 To liaise with SCDC on the clearing of litter from verges
- AP26 To investigate with appropriate authorities the possibility of extending protection to certain buildings and areas deemed appropriate
- AP27 To ensure that certain areas and open spaces are protected from inappropriate development and ensuring character of the village is retained

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