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KIRKBY IRELETH COMMUNITY LED PLAN (CLP)

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Section 1-WHY UPDATE THE PARISH PLAN?

1.1 Background

It is more than 6 years since the first issue of the Parish Plan in July 2006.

It is appropriate that it be updated to:-

- A. Report on progress in respect of the 9 Action Plans which emerged from the major survey of residents undertaken in 2006 namely
 - Action Plan 1-Affordable Housing
 - Action Plan 2 – Village Facilities
 - Action Plan 3 – New Community Facility
 - Action Plan 4 – Facilities for 11-17 year olds
 - Action Plan 5 – Highways
 - Action Plan 6 – Litter
 - Action Plan 7 – Coastal Flooding
 - Action Plan 8 – Crime
 - Action Plan 9 - Footpaths
- B. Identify any further , ongoing or defunct Action Plans
- C. Reflect changes in the Planning System instigated by the Coalition Government and its drive towards Localism. In those changes Parish Plans are renamed **Community Led Plans.(CLPs)**

Currently :

- 37 out of 71 parishes have produced CLP's or are currently producing one
- 7 of these parishes are updating existing plans or have updated recently

1.2 What is a CLP?

The CLP (formerly known as a Parish plan) is a Process which a community goes through to produce a Document which sets out :-

- what local people value in their community
- what they would to change or safeguard
- an action plan to deliver projects

1.3 Who is responsible for its production?

The Local Community is responsible for its production under the auspices of the Parish Council

Section 1-WHY UPDATE THE PARISH PLAN? (Cont'd)

1.4 The purpose /usage of the CLP

1.4.1 Generally

The purpose/usage of a CLP includes:-

- Fosters community activity
- Attract funding , providing evidence of local need for grant applications
- Affect policy , informing local councils about what issues matter most to communities
- Help set the Agenda for any Local Area Partnership
- An Action Plan for the Community and the Parish Council and monitoring of progress

1.4.2 The Planning Chain

The planning chain is as follows:-

1. European law
2. English planning law and regulations namely:-
 - The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
 - The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
 - Localism Act 2011
 - National Policy Framework
 - The Development Plan comprising:-

Local Plan –prepared by SLDC-this is the Core Strategy

Neighbourhood Plan-prepared voluntarily by local communities – not to be confused with CLP’s-may be prepared in the future by the Parish Council.

1.4.3 Relationship of the CLP to the Planning Chain

There appears to be no direct link of a CLP to the Planning chain.

Section 1-WHY UPDATE THE PARISH PLAN? (Cont'd)

1.5 Localism and Community Led Planning

1.5.1 Generally

“In 2011, the Coalition Government passed legislation called the Localism Act. This introduced a range of measures intended to reduce the power of the state and provide greater opportunities for local communities to determine their own future and do more to help themselves.. Importantly, a number of community rights were introduced with the aim of allowing citizens to shape the future of their neighbourhoods by proposing new development, taking over the delivery of local services, and taking ownership of community buildings, assets and public land.”

1.5.2 Localism rights

It is understood that if a Neighbourhood Plan or a CLP so identifies a need , then there may be the option to use Localism rights ie

- Right to plan (new developments)
- Right to bid (for community assets)
- Right to challenge (taking over of community services)
- Right to reclaim public land

At the moment, there is no obvious need for the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council to use such rights.

1.6 Conclusion

Again, at the moment, the prime benefits of updating the Parish Plan are:-

- Foster community activity
- Provide evidence to attract funding by providing evidence of local need for grant applications
- Affect policy , informing local councils about what issues matter most to communities

Section 2-THE 2006 PARISH PLAN AND SURVEY

2.1 Generally

The 2006 Parish Plan was commissioned and supported by the Parish Council Its execution was masterminded and carried out by the Parish Plan Committee over a period of eighteen months and 2000 voluntary hours .

The Parish Plan Committee was assisted by:-

- 50 Foot Soldiers who distributed and collected the Questionnaires.
- Voluntary Action Cumbria
- Kirkby History Society
- A little band of “tappers” who programmed in all the responses to the Questionnaire.

Financial assistance was received from:-

- the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council
- the CGP Kirkby Ireleth Trust Fund
- DEFRA.

2.2 The Questionnaire/Survey

The Questionnaire sought residents’ views on:-

- Population and Housing
- Employment:
- Transport and Roads:
- Sports Facilities:
- Information Access:
- Business and Amenities:

439 households took the time and trouble to complete the Questionnaire. The Plan and the Action Plans were derived entirely from those responses.

2.3 The Results of the Questionnaire/Survey

The results of the Questionnaire/Survey were analysed by the Parish Plan Committee and its volunteers and published and distributed throughout the Parish and to relevant Authorities as the Parrish Plan 2006. The Plan included the Action Plans to be carried out by Task Teams:-

The Action Plans reflected the major issues that had been raised by residents and, in conjunction with Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council, South Lakeland District Council, Cumbria County Council and the Lake District National Park, they suggested ways in which these issues might be tackled.

The Actions were:-

- Action Plan 1-Affordable Housing
- Action Plan 2 – Village Facilities
- Action Plan 3 – New Community Facility
- Action Plan 4 – Facilities for 11-17 year olds
- Action Plan 5 – Highways
- Action Plan 6 – Litter
- Action Plan 7 – Coastal Flooding
- Action Plan 8 – Crime
- Action Plan 9 - Footpaths

2.4 Conclusion/recommendation

The 2006 Parish Plan was a thorough and well prepared document the basis of which remains valid for the purposes of this review/update to become the Community Led Plan.

The Actions are reviewed in the next Section 3.

It is recommended that the CLP be reviewed at 5 yearly intervals.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS

Action Plan 1 - To increase the availability of affordable housing within the Parish in order to maintain population balance for a healthy and ongoing infrastructure.

3.1.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“60 families have relatives who would like to live in the Parish but are unable to afford to buy property. A further 95 families identify a possible requirement for starter housing for relatives within the next 10 years.

53% of respondents support the need for controlled housing growth within the Parish, with the most support for starter houses followed by sheltered accommodation so that our frail elderly can remain within the Parish.

The falling roll at Burlington School is evidence that we need to encourage young families to come to, and remain in, the Parish. 97% of respondents consider the continued presence of Burlington School as at least ‘important’.

3.1.2 Definitions

At the time of the publication of the Parish Plan, the Team did not have the benefit of the definition of “Affordable Housing” by the Department for Communities and Local Government which was published on 29th November, 2006. The definitions are reproduced here for information:-

“**Affordable Housing** includes social rented and intermediate housing, provided to specified households whose needs are not met by the market. Affordable housing should:-

- Meet the needs of eligible households including availability at a cost low enough for them to afford, determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices ; and
- Include provisions for;
 - The home to be retained for future eligible households; or
 - If these restrictions are lifted, for any subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision
 -

Social Rented Housing is rented housing owned and managed by local authorities and RSL's , for which guideline target rents are determined through the national rent regime. The proposals set out in the Three Year Review of Rent restructuring (July 2004) were implemented as policy in April 2006. It may also include rented housing owned or managed by other persons and provided under equivalent rental arrangements to the above, as agreed with the local authority or with the Housing Corporation as a condition of grant.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 1 - To increase the availability of affordable housing within the Parish in order to maintain population balance for a healthy and ongoing infrastructure. (Cont'd)

3.1.2 Definitions(Cont'd)

Intermediate Affordable Housing is housing at prices and rents above those of social rent but below market price or rents, and which meet the criteria set put above. These can include shared equity (eg HomeBuy) and other low cost homes for sale, and intermediate rent.”

3.1.3 Method

Form Task Team which would:-

- Conduct a housing needs Survey
- Liaise with Cumbria Rural Housing
- Source funds
- Develop plan following needs survey results

3.1.4 Progress

3.1.4.1 Generally

A Task Team was formed and considerable efforts were made to resolve the Tasks.

Contact was made with Cumbria Rural Housing Trust who carried out two housing needs surveys (2007 and 2011) at the behest of and funded by South Lakeland District Council.

However , they were overtaken when the Government introduced a requirement of SLDC to prepare a Local Plan.

3.1.4.2 The Local Plan

The South Lakeland Local Plan and Alterations form part of the Development Plan for the area of South Lakeland outside the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. The Development Plan forms the basis for land use planning affecting the area. The Council adopted the Local Plan in 1997 and **adopted the Atlerations** on 17 March 2006. A number of Local Plan policies were replaced on the adoption of the Local Development Framework (LDF) **Core Strategy** on 20 October 2010. The remaining Local Plan policies continue to form part of the statutory Development Plan for South Lakeland District (outside the National Parks).

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 1 - To increase the availability of affordable housing within the Parish in order to maintain population balance for a healthy and ongoing infrastructure. (Cont'd)

3.4.1.3 Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

The purpose of the Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) is to allocate land for new housing and employment and protect green spaces in South Lakeland (outside the National Parks) in accordance with the adopted Core Strategy.

In respect of Kirkby-in-Furness, the DPD allocates two areas for new housing ie

- 1 – Land at Four Lane Ends – a small infill plot which could accommodate 11 dwellings
- -Land adjacent to Burlington Church of England School - a 1.52 ha site which could accommodate around 41 dwellings

3.4.1.4 Examination of the Land Allocations DPD

On 31 May 2012, South Lakeland District Council submitted the Land Allocations DPD submission documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination on 23rd October. The decision is anticipated in November 2012.

3.1.5 Conclusion/Recommendation

In the period 2006 to 2012 an increase in the availability of affordable housing (social or otherwise) within the Parish was not achieved due to changes in the Planning Process , market collapse and recession. However the Action Plan should remain but the method changed to the following:-

The Parish Council to :-

- Monitor the results of Examination of the Land Allocations DPD
- Seek clarification from SLDC as to how they anticipate affordable housing (social, intermediate and other including sheltered housing if possible) can be achieved (including funding)
- Inform Residents of the outcome and invite them to re-form an Action Team

The action team to:-

- Finalise the Plan and action/monitor to conclusion

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 2 - To facilitate the ongoing sustainability of Burlington C of E Primary School, through provision of facilities in the village to attract young families.

3.2.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“84% of villagers said that Burlington School is very important to the sustainability of the village, a further 13% said it was important. The school is seen as a community focus, as well as encouraging young families to stay it reduces travel for children and encourages ties with the villages that can contribute towards the reduction of vandalism”

3.2.2 Method

Form a Task Team which would:-

- Prioritise investments and resources towards this sector of the population
- Provide support to task team focused on provision of low cost housing
- Develop plan in conjunction with the school and other partners for provision nursery facilities
- Liaise with community for best mix of provisions to attract young families to Kirkby

3.2.3 Progress

Form a Task Team

No task team was set up as no interest was shown by any Resident.

Cllr. McPherson was nominated by the Parish Council to be a “liaison officer” between the School and the Council.

In that capacity he has been invited to all of the School activities and has kept in close contact with the Head Teacher with a view to helping the School develop with the help of the Parish Council.

Prioritise investments and resources towards this sector of the population

The Council has given significant financial support to the School .The Trustees of the CGP Fund have supported the school to the tune of £6098.00, The Friends of Burlington School £2084.00, the After School Club £343.75, Forest Schools £400.00, two individuals for Gymnastic Coaching Certificates £500.00 giving a total of £9,425.75. This is the third largest amount given to any one organisation within the Community.

Section 3– THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 2 - To facilitate the ongoing sustainability of Burlington C of E Primary School, through provision of facilities in the village to attract young families. (Cont'd)

3.2.3 Progress (Cont'd)

Provide support to task team focused on provision of low cost housing

Not possible in the absence of an Action Plan 2 Task Team

Develop plan in conjunction with the school and other partners for provision nursery facilities

Not possible in the absence of an Action Plan 2 Task Team. However, the Little Acorns group has also benefited by £561.58 from the CGP Fund Incidentally and is thriving with quite an influx of young children who will hopefully go on to Burlington.

Liaise with community for best mix of provisions to attract young families to Kirkby

Not possible in the absence of an Action Plan 2 Task Team

3.2.4 Conclusion/Recommendation

Notwithstanding the non formation of a Task team and no increase in affordable housing to date , the School appears to be currently sustainable. The number of children at the school is about sixty (as it was in 2006) and is about the same as only a few year six children left to go to secondary school. As the School has been recognised as providing an excellent education it has attracted children from other areas.

It is recommended that

- the Liaison Officer approach by the Parish Council continues.
- The Parish Council continues to support appropriate proposals re provisions to attract young families to the Parish emanating from the community, eg the school, the PTA, or the community centres, etc

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities.

3.3.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“Current village amenities are used by 85% of the community at some time throughout the year; the vast majority identifying that they use one facility occasionally. 15% of the community regularly use at least one facility weekly.

Villagers have noted that they would use the facilities more if they were modern and fit for purpose, with good access and parking. A good quality meeting place for under 18's and the provision of indoor sporting activities was frequently requested with 122 households requesting a meeting place and 27 requests for more indoor sports. Suggestions for the elderly included a day centre where people could meet.

When asked directly if a new community hall would improve the village 147 people said ‘yes’ and 34 said ‘no’”.

3.3.2 Method

Form a Task Team which would:-

- Finalise location.
- Draw up design brief.
- Commission architects.
- Obtain building quotes.
- Raise funds for the facility
- Approach local and national agencies and funds providers.
- Secure funding
- Promote village fundraising.
- Selection of builder

3.3.3 Progress

This should be considered under two headings ie

- The Sports Hall
- The Community Centre

Section 5 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities. (Cont'd)

3.3.4 THE SPORTS HALL

3.3.4.1 Progress

Form a Task Team

A Task Team was formed

Finalise location. / Draw up design brief. /Commission architects. /Obtain building quotes.

Drawings for a Village Sports Hall at the Community Centre in Kirkby were prepared.. Various estimates and costings were obtained. Informal meetings with the planning authorities suggested that there would be no objections to either the location, below the tennis courts, or the proposed building. Holker Estates agreed to donate a strip of land beside the football pitch so that the Sports Hall could be an appropriate length for the planned sports.

Approach local and national agencies and funds providers. / Secure funding / Promote village fundraising.

Various fund-raising events were held and grants were sought. A house-to-house survey was distributed in Kirkby, Askam, Foxfield and Broughton to assess demand for a new Sports Hall in the area, and positive results were obtained.

Although over £4,000 was raised from local people at a series of events, by November 2009 no substantial grants from funding agencies had been secured, in spite of a number of applications being submitted.

3.3.4.2 The Current Situation

Generally

Recognising that major funds will not be forthcoming in the foreseeable future, the Task Team, Kirkby Community Centre Development Committee, accordingly presented the Community Centre Management Committee with the following options:

- 1. Keep the plans for the Sports Hall as they are and look for new sources of funding – could take 5 years or more.*
- 2. Give up plans for a Sports Hall, pay any debts and pass the balance of funds to the Community Centre Development Fund.*

Section 3– THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities. (Cont'd)

3.3.4. THE SPORTS HALL (Cont'd)

3.3.4.2 The Current Situation (Cont'd)

Generally(Cont'd)

3. *Develop a new plan involving extending the existing tennis courts and resurfacing them in a multi-sport surface with new lighting and fencing. Seek funding for this project.
(N.B. This last option would involve taking part of the land previously earmarked for the Sports Hall, meaning the hall couldn't be built in its planned location in the future.)*
4. *As an alternative to 3, develop a plan to build an all-weather 5-a-side floodlit area on the proposed site of the sports hall, with a view to putting a sports hall on it at some time in the future.*
5. *Improve the existing Community Centre to provide:-
an indoor area (about the size of a badminton court)
a meeting room and kitchen
two sets of changing rooms and adequate showers
a referee /umpire/disabled changing room*

Eventually the Community Centre decided to go for option 1 and transform existing tennis courts into a Multi Use Games Area

Progress on the Multi Use Games Area Project

Quotations have been obtained to transform the existing dilapidated tennis courts into a MUGA offering tennis, 5-a-side football, netball and basketball. The Development Committee now involves representatives of Kirkby Tennis Club and Kirkby United Football Club, and is in the process of seeking grants for this revised project. One grant of £5,000 has been obtained from a local business, and a further offer of £4,000 has been made by a local charity, although this grant is dependent on the project going ahead by 2014. Currently the amount that still needs to be raised is approximately £15,000. The Development Committee continues to fund-raise and at the same time to seek grants from funding agencies.

Section 5 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities. (Cont'd)

3.3.5 THE COMMUNITY HALL AT GRIZEBECK

3.3.5.1 Background

A new hall to replace the dilapidated existing hall was suggested in 2000 but the project was given impetus by the 2006 Kirkby Ireleth Parish Plan. The Plan identified the outdated nature of existing community facilities in the Parish which were increasingly unfit for purpose with inadequate car parking and disabled access. Of 353 households respondents, 41% felt that existing meeting venues were unsatisfactory.

3.3.5.2 The Committee's Role and Objectives

The Committee's role has been and is to manage the village hall which provided a space for social events and some leisure activities. A few years ago, the committee identified that the community needed more than the current facility was providing. A plan to redevelop the hall was devised. This redevelopment project was not simply about designing and building a new facility but was part of a wider vision, to target and meet the widening and changing needs of the local population. Its aim is to make a real difference by providing:-

- A place for residents to interact socially in education, work and play
- An opportunity and space for young people to design and develop their own activities and use the Hall as a platform to have their voices heard;
- A space to support and assist older people by offering them the chance to relax and chat, play sport, develop new skills, share knowledge with others and continue to contribute to the community;
- A learning and support structure for local families by providing toddler clubs, family clubs, outdoor play, sports and parenting classes;
- A venue for groups of young people such as Little Acorns, Brownies, Cubs or a Youth Club
- A place where people in need can go to access help and support – we will work in partnership with local agencies and other third sector groups to provide them with office facilities so they can deliver outreach support to our isolated communities;
- A place for residents to be treated as equals providing an opportunity and space for people who live with deprivation or isolation to interact with others
- A life-long learning centre which can help to educate and improve our communities;
- Strong community links across the isolated hamlets within our parish – reaching out to adjacent parishes and offering everyone the chance to join in and receive a warm welcome

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities. (Cont'd)

3.3.5 THE COMMUNITY HALL AT GRIZEBECK (Cont'd)

3.3.5.3 Funding/Sponsors

Major funding was secured from WREN (Waste recycling Environmental Limited) totalling £236,348 and a further £100,000 from CGP Limited. Further funding bids were submitted and came through slowly alongside fundraising and donations individuals. A total of £394,000 was raised from grants and donations from local residents including those from:-

- WREN
- CGP
- Burlington Stone
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Department for the Environment food and Rural Affairs
- Northwest Regional Development Agency
- The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- LEADER
- National Lottery

3.3.5.4 Construction

Work began on the new hall in November 2010 and it was completed in summer 2011, this modern spacious and airy hall is in an easily accessible location set in beautiful countryside with plenty of good off-road parking. The hall can easily accommodate up to 100 people. The hall was built as a facility to be used by the whole community with a view to bringing people together and offering both existing and new facilities, services and events. The hall is available for private hire to individuals, groups and businesses.

3.3.5.5 Activities

Regular Activities :-

Little Acorns Toddlers Group, Zumba/Bokwa, Fitness, Yoga, Tai Chi, Gentle exercise class, Community café, Indoor bowling, Flower Guild, Youth Table tennis club. Plans for a Youth Club are being advanced

Fundraising:-

Whist drives, supper dances, monthly slideshows, special events such as art exhibitions, craft fairs, etc

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 3 - To provide a purpose built new community facility to enable better provision of social facilities. (Cont'd)

3.3.5 THE COMMUNITY HALL AT GRIZEBECK(Cont'd)

3.3.5.5 Activities (Cont'd)

Private bookings

Overnight stays by groups, weddings, christenings, birthday parties, plays, music events, business meetings, dog obedience classes, etc

3.3.6 Conclusion/Recommendation

The Multi Use Games Area Project

The completion of this project would provide a good facility and meet several of the aspirations of the Parish Plan.

It is therefore recommended that the Parish Council supports and assists in any way it can the efforts of the Community Centre and the Development Committee to complete the project.

The Community Hall at Grizebeck

Notwithstanding that the attempt to create a community centre in Kirkby was not successful, an excellent facility is now available at Grizebeck. Its objectives align with the aspirations of the Parish Plan and indeed several of the those objectives have or are being achieved.

It is therefore recommended that the Parish Council supports and assists in any way it can the Committee of the Community Hall at Grizebeck in achieving its objectives. Suggestions are:-

- Raising awareness of the Hall as a charity and community enterprise
- Encouraging the community to utilize the Hall for events and activities and to volunteer their time
- Use the Hall as one of the regular PC meeting spaces
- Ensuring representation in policy and strategy documents.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 4 - To provide adequate facilities/activities to meet the needs of 11-17 year olds.

3.4.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“The Questionnaire return suggests that the number of 11-17 year olds in the Village is 84 (72 confirmed with a response of 86%). Of these only 4 use the Community Centre either weekly or monthly and only 6 use the Beckside Rooms. Throughout the questionnaire comments relate to requesting ‘somewhere for teenagers’, ‘unsuitable leisure activities’ and requests for a range of sports that would satisfy an Olympic squad. Clearly such a range is not practicable for the village - but people are keen to have more and have made this very clear in their responses. This is coupled with a very pleasing 51 respondents saying they would be prepared to play a part in some way of leading youth activities.”

3.4.2 Method

Form a Task Team which would:-

- Identify and start up events that would meet the needs of 11-17 year olds in the village
- Identify potential youth leadership team via a public meeting-
- Conduct focus group meeting with as many 11-17 year old as possible
- Develop priority list and plan to go live

3.4.3 Progress

There had been some attempts prior to the 2006 Parish Plan to instigate Youth Activities. However, no interest was shown by residents.

Encouraged by 51 residents responding to the Parish Plan saying they would be prepared to play a part in some way of leading youth activities, Cllr Dora Greenway called a public meetings in the hope of kick starting the process. However, no residents came forward to form a Task Team and consequently non of the tasks were achieved.

3.4.4 Conclusion/Recommendation

Facilities for the youth of the Parish are essential and it is therefore recommended that the Parish Council

- Keeps the Action as a target
- Supports and assists in any way it can the activities of :-
 - 1 -The Development Committee for the Multi Use Games Area Project
 - 2 - Appropriate Youth Activities arranged by the Grizebeck Community Centre

Section 3– THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 5 - To put sustained pressure on CCC Highways Department to improve the overall condition of local roads through more effective maintenance of roads, surface drainage systems, walls, hedges and signage

3.5.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“61% of local residents think that the maintenance of local roads is inadequate. Potholes, eroded edges and walls falling into the road are a risk of accidents and serious injury.

Overgrown hedges and verges obscure the vision of motorists and poor cutting regimes leave drains and gullies blocked causing serious flooding problems (see A595 at Gargreave).”

3.5.2 Method

Establish a Task Team which would:-

- Ensure that road maintenance activities meet the standards laid down for National Highways
- Audit the Parish against existing Highways standards
- Establish a village Task Team to inspect completed work against the standards laid down
- Persist in requesting corrective measures
- Maintain controls to monitor progress and compile evidence from inspections

3.5.3 Progress

No Task Team was established. The following were therefore not achieved:-

- Ensure that road maintenance activities meet the standards laid down for National Highways
- Audit the Parish against existing Highways standards
- Establish a village Task Team to inspect completed work against the standards laid down
-

However, an overview is kept by Cllr Ian Cragg and there has been some success with Highways Department Tasks (using and monitoring reported defects via the Hotline) in respect of:-

- Persist in requesting corrective measures
- Maintain controls to monitor progress and compile evidence from inspections

Section 5 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 5 - To put sustained pressure on CCC Highways Department to improve the overall condition of local roads through more effective maintenance of roads, surface drainage systems, walls, hedges and signage (Cont'd)

3.5.3 Progress(Cont'd)

Parish Councillors have been active in liaising with SLDC in respect of surface water flooding, drainage improvements (ably supported by SCDC Cllr Jos Curwen), walls, hedges and signage.

The Parish Council was also successful in liaising with Highways and Holker Estates and funding in the creation of the Soutergate Car Park .

3.5.4 Conclusion/Recommendation

In the absence of a Task Team formed by Residents, it is recommended that:-

- The PC continues with its overview and monitoring activity
- Action Plan 5 is deleted from the Community Led Plan

Section 5 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 6 - To reduce the quantity of dog mess and general litter within the Parish.

3.6.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“ 64% of respondents consider dog fouling a public nuisance. It has to be considered that dog fouling can spread serious disease and that children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to infection. The proliferation of litter is unsightly and hazardous to children and animals.

Many respondents talked about litter around the village, with its negative impact on the general environment”

3.6.2 Method

To form an Action Team which would:-

- Educate, communicate and if necessary prosecute.
- Communicate to the local population the nature of associated health risks
- Engage with villagers to get approval to request corrective action by offending dog owners.
- Commit to prosecuting offenders
- Improve the provision of litter bins to encourage their use. Ensure they are emptied regularly

3.6.3 Progress

No Task Team was established. The following were therefore not achieved:-

- Educate, communicate and if necessary prosecute.
- Communicate to the local population the nature of associated health risks
- Engage with villagers to get approval to request corrective action by offending dog owners.
- Commit to prosecuting offenders

However, in respect of litter, The Parish Clerk, Bob Morrish, in addition to his normal duties, has attempted to improve the situation in respect of litter bins and their emptying in long drawn out discussions with SLDC and British Rail. The outcome is basically that if the Parish wants more than existing arrangements then it will have to provide the finance.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 6 - To reduce the quantity of dog mess and general litter within the Parish.(Cont'd)

3.6.4 Conclusion/Recommendation

In the absence of a Task Team formed by Residents, it is recommended that:-

- The PC reviews the situation if and when finance becomes available for additional bins
- Action Plan 6 is deleted from the Community Led Plan

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 7 - To solve the issue of localized coastal flooding

3.7.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“An overwhelming 209 households said sea defences were poor, another 96 said they were adequate with only 9 households saying they were good. This is a very strong indication of general dissatisfaction with current defences as not all households are directly affected. This issue affects other parishes around the Duddon Estuary as well.”

3.7.2 Method

To form an Action Team which would:-

- Work with partners and other villages on the estuary to provide an enduring solution to the issue of coastal flooding
- Establish consultative network with others around the Duddon Estuary to develop synergies.
- Consult with Environment agency to clarify options
- Consult with local authorities to clarify options
- Collect information on the erosion of the banks at Kirkby Pool

3.7.3 Progress

A Task Team was formed based at Sandside and its hard work resulted in a £90,000 grant to be shared between the properties most damaged in the flooding of 2002. Most of the houses in Sandside now have some kind of protection which it is hoped will suffice in the next flooding. . Cllr Copley has been appointed to keep a watching brief on behalf of the PC.

With the exception of collecting information on the erosion of the banks at Kirkby Pool, some progress has been made on the remaining four tasks.

3.7.4 Conclusion/Recommendation

It is recommended that

- the “watching brief “ approach by the Parish Council continues.
- The Parish Council continues to support appropriate proposals by Action Group

Section 3– THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 8. To ensure crime rates within the village are well understood by the population and that the current low level of crime gets no worse

3.8.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“60% of the population are unhappy about the level of police presence in the village. The police however see Kirkby as a low crime area; hence deployment of their resources tends to be to higher priority areas. A surprising 222 households (66% of respondents) said they were happy with the current Neighbourhood Watch schemes, although 110 households either didn't know there were such schemes or were dissatisfied with them.”

Note - The current Neighbourhood Watch Team comprises 13 members co-ordinated by Cllr Wayles

3.8.2 Method

To form an Action Team which would:-

- Provide an ongoing communication of crime in Kirkby,
- regenerate the Neighbourhood watch system.
- Monitor ongoing crime statistics on at least an annual basis
- Form Neighbourhood Watch teams in all hamlets of the Parish.
- Set up ongoing consultative system with the local Policeman/woman.
- Run communication campaigns on crime statistics in the village

3.8.3 Progress

No Task Team was established and the following actions have not therefore been progressed:-

- regenerate the Neighbourhood watch system.
- Monitor ongoing crime statistics on at least an annual basis
- Form Neighbourhood Watch teams in all hamlets of the Parish.
- Run communication campaigns on crime statistics in the village.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 8. To ensure crime rates within the village are well understood by the population and that the current low level of crime gets no worse (Cont'd)

3.8.3 Progress (Cont'd)

However, the Parish Council has progressed the other tasks as follows:-

Provide an ongoing communication of crime in Kirkby,

The PC meetings are attended by CC Police representatives who report on crime in the Parish. This is recorded in the minutes which are in turn published in the Kirkby Caller.

Information is also available to residents on the website of Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and the site they manage ie Cumbria Community Messaging System.

Set up ongoing consultative system with the local Policeman/woman.

This action is deemed ongoing by having CC Police representation at the PC meetings

3.8.4 Conclusion/Recommendations

In the absence of a Task Team formed by residents, not all of the actions have been progressed and indeed those which have been either by the PC or by Cllr. Wayles and his team of co-ordinators in each hamlet is not evident to most residents. It is therefore recommended that:-

The PC calls a public meeting at which the following may be discussed:-

- The Neighbourhood Watch Team structure and its members/co-ordinators in each hamlet be identified
- The Kirkby-Ireleth Neighbourhood Watch and its members be registered with Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and the site they manage ie Cumbria Community Messaging System.
- The Kirkby-Ireleth Neighbourhood Watch be requested to provide via Cllr Wayles a monthly report to the PC
- The PC informs residents of:-
 1. The structure, membership and activities of the The Kirkby-Ireleth Neighbourhood Watch possibly via the Kirkby Caller
 2. Any warning/recommendation etc in respect of crime/scams etc as and when arising which the Neighbourhood Watch feels should be advised to residents.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 9-To provide a proper network of footpaths and cycle paths that connects the major hamlets safely

3.9.1 Parish Plan Reasons

“60% of Parishioners are concerned for pedestrian safety and 61% would like to see a footpath/cycleway connecting all of the major hamlets. It is currently very unwise to try to cycle or walk between many of the main hamlets due to the lack of such facilities and the dangerous road. Many people feel that the community would be improved if such a network existed.

Existing footpaths are in poor condition generally due to lack of maintenance. One of the most used, and consequently most commented on, is Beck Fields footpath, between Soutergate and Beckside”

3.9.2 Method

Form a Task Team which would:-

- Develop a 5-year footpath and cycle way plan.
- Survey existing footpaths cycle-ways to establish their existence and condition.
- Develop roll out plan for upgrades/additional routes- use the outputs from KPP questionnaire to help prioritize.
- Consult with various stakeholders to establish boundary conditions and to identify opportunities

3.9.3 Progress

A Task Team was set up and named The Kirkby-in-Furness Footpaths and Cycleways Conservation Group. Its aim is to conserve and develop footpaths and cycleways throughout the Parish.

It has been very successful .It has cleared and opened up many footpaths to the public. It has also published “Out and about in Kirkby Ireleth Parish – Six idyllic walks around the South of The Lake District”. It received assistance from Resource Marketing in leaflet design and financial help and support from CGP and Cumbria Countryside Rangers. A second leaflet in March 2013 has been produced detailing 5 more walks. These leaflets are available at various locations throughout the village

Cycleway routes to school from hamlets were reviewed and priced up by CCC but were rejected by Council because of exorbitant costs and disruption to village life.

Section 3 – THE ACTION PLANS (Cont'd)

Action Plan 9-To provide a proper network of footpaths and cycle paths that connects the major hamlets safely (Cont'd)

3.9.4 Recommendation

It is recommended that

- the “watching brief “ approach by the Parish Council continues.
- The Parish Council continues to support appropriate proposals by The Kirkby-in-Furness Footpaths and Cycleways Conservation Group.

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