

Babraham Parish Council Objectives and Action Plan 2020-24

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History

		Signed (Chair)	Signed (Clerk)	Minute
Implementation	November 2017			
Update, Review	April 2019			
Review	April 2020			
Update	September 2020			

Objective/aim	Action	Details
To improve road safety, including addressing speeding issues	Traffic Calming To install traffic calming measures as appropriate along the High Street.	2018: LHI application made for a raised crossing: refused (2018) 2019: PHFI application (March 2019: 1903/15) committing Parish funds to meet costs; updated CCC costs received exceed budget allocation (1905/15): LHI application made using CCC proposals, committing Parish funds (1907/12, 1908/13) Application heard in Feb 2020 (2002/14) Outcome on Objective, March 2020: application still in review
	Safer crossings on A1307 and High Street In conjunction with Highways using funds from an approved LHI application which is currently on hold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove the two-lane status of the carriageway on the Cambridge to Haverhill side allowing crossing of a single, slower lane safer. lower the curbs at the bus stop on that side (for pushchair/ disabled access) and where the path joins the High Street. widen and re-make that same path on the village side of the A1307. install solar studs in the path across the central reservation and on the path from the crossing point to the High street.

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		<p>2019: Council made repeated proposals and suggestions to influence Greater Cambridge Partnership plans for A1307 (19APM/02, 1909/14, 1910/10).</p> <p>Outcomes for work scheduled to begin December 2019 include: Single-lane status for A1307 north- and south-bound past High Street; reduced speed limit to 50 mph (from national) to village boundary; improved paths, kerb profiles and new crossings for A1307 (to access southbound bus stop) and High Street.</p> <p>Council decided to repair A1307 northbound (wooden) bus shelter, rather than replace (1908/23).</p> <p>2020: Works to begin April 2020 as above; works delayed in light of Coronavirus pandemic (March 2020)</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: works yet to begin</p>
Improve public transport conditions for residents and employees	Improve bus shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to remove the old wooden bus shelter and move the open fronted shelter on the far side to that position and replace the shelter on the Camb to Haverhill side with a fronted shelter. • Council decided to repair A1307 northbound (wooden) bus shelter, rather than replace (1908/23). • To maintain the aspect of the village, Council sourced repair for existing wood shelter at a cost of £5965.22. The new shelter has been well received by Parishioners (2001/13) <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: complete; Council repaired wooden shelter</p>
To provide, maintain and improve areas within	Review and renew Pocket Park lease	<p>If renewed this will involve maintaining the trees in the park. Seeking renewal of lease (Aug18-Mar19): BBSRC to meet 18 March 19. Babraham Research Campus has completed tree works (Feb 19)</p>

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<p>which to live, work and play for all residents</p>		<p>2019: BBSRC/UKRI reviewing both Pocket Park and Sports Field leases in concert. Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club support Parish Council lease (1909/24)</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: no renewal as yet; discussions at UKRI/BBSRC</p>
	<p>Review and explore Sports Field lease</p>	<p>Seeking lease (Aug18-Mar19): BBSRC to meet 18 March 19.</p> <p>2019: BBSRC/UKRI reviewing both Pocket Park and Sports Field leases in concert. Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club support Parish Council lease (1909/24)</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: no renewal as yet; discussions at UKRI/BBSRC</p>
	<p>Review and consider support for Village Hall development</p>	<p>2019: Council supported work by Village Hall Committee through substantial negotiation with Babraham School on shared facilities; school withdrew interest due to funding requirements; Cllr Laurie negotiated with Sawston and Babraham Cricket Club (S&BCC) on siting on sports field (1911/26).</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: negotiations with S&BCC positive; new discussions with Babraham School</p>
	<p>Review and research allotments with a plan to provide</p>	<p>This requires acquiring land either by purchase or lease.</p> <p>Seeking allotment space with new owners Cheveley Park Farms (Manager, Steve Mumford) at March 2019.</p> <p>2019: Discussions on possible allotment sites pursued: allotment site not firm until after GCP works decisions (Transport Hub, routes, P&R: 1910/25).</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: project put on hold until outcome of other infrastructure projects that might affect land availability are known</p>

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	<p>Review and research providing a children’s play area</p>	<p>Section 106 is available but this would require acquiring land either by purchase or lease. Council to review under work with Village Hall Committee (VHC). 2019: VHC likely to use Sports Field; Council to pursue investigation and examined costs and benefits.</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: requires land agreement for Hall, no advance at March 2020</p>
<p>To ensure that any village development is in keeping with the village and benefits residents</p>	<p>Planning applications To be rigorous, open and transparent in the review of the planning applications and ensure that responses are timely</p>	<p>This may require extraordinary planning meetings if the deadline is before the next full council meeting and an extension from SCDC cannot be given. Council has responded in detail on three occasions. 2019: Council responded in detail to Applications, meeting deadlines by email review and vote on content.</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Council has been rigorous, open, transparent and timely; all Planning issues discussed in open meetings and any comments posted to the SCDC site and the Parish website</p>
	<p>Neighbourhood Plan To work with the Neighbourhood Plan working party members and provide assistance if possible</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan teams meet regularly and reports to Council. Standing Agenda item. 2019: Council received regular reports from NP team.</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Draft presented to the Council for information November 2019; anticipated spring 2020</p>
	<p>Village Hall Committee To work with Village Hall Committee members and provide assistance if possible</p>	<p>Council works closely with Village Hall Committee and Babraham CofE School: the work is part of efforts to develop Village Hub around new Hall and School: seeking lease of additional land from BBSRC (Mar19): BBSRC to meet 18 March 19.</p>

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		<p>2019: Council worked on School site for Village Hall and negotiated outline agreement from parties on Sports Field site</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Council has supported the Committee in discussion and negotiation</p>
<p>To improve communications and facilities within the whole community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all events, where possible, are advertised as widely as possible, using websites, notice boards and posters in prominent areas. • Review the content of the newsletter so as to encourage contribution from the village residents. • Invite all local organisations and groups to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. • Encourage the public to attend parish meetings and be involved in decision making. • To ensure that there is a public forum at each parish meeting. 	<p>https://www.babraham-village.net/ Council displays formal notices and other engagement material on noticeboard. Cllr Attwood requests contribution from residents for newsletter. 2019: Cllr Attwood published regular newsletters</p> <p>14 members of public and representatives from four groups at APM Action: encourage more public participation at Parish Council meetings; explore better advertising on noticeboards and email to parishioner list.</p> <p>Public participation is a standing Agenda item of 15 minutes</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: good participation at APM for a small village and Council has encouraged participation; remains a challenge in a small village and objective for this period</p>
<p>Work effectively with credibility and integrity as a Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that council activities are open and transparent, well published and available for scrutiny. • Continue development through training, of all parish councillors so that they are up to date with statutory regulations and requirements and can 	<p>Materials are published on the village website: https://www.babraham-village.net/</p> <p>Cllrs are notified of CPD opportunities. Two Cllrs attended Planning training.</p>

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	<p>make informed decisions and recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to survey the local residents to establish priorities for Council activities in the future. • Continue to promote the fact that there is a village web site with details of the meetings agendas, minutes and the council finances, as well as interesting information about the village. 	<p>Council asks for suggestions for works, such as traffic improvements through email distribution list and other means.</p> <p>The noticeboard is regularly reviewed</p> <p>Action: use social media and email list better to engage parishioners Cllrs Attwood and Rogers to update Village Leaflet</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Council has delivered engagement opportunities on issues and documentation on its discussions and responses; need to improve social and other engagement</p>
<p>To become eligible for the General Power of Competence.</p>	<p>Continue to provide training for the Clerk to become CiLCA qualified.</p>	<p>Two thirds of the council (4) would need to be elected, either at a contested or non-contested election, and the current Clerk to hold a CiLCA qualification. Election in May 2018 was uncontested.</p> <p>2018: Clerk resigned April 2018. Councillors elected unopposed. Council to review CiCLA qualification for current Clerk.</p> <p>2019: No update (Oct 19) Action: Clerk to investigate CiCLA qualification requirements</p> <p>Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Clerk to review CiCLA in 2020-21.</p>
<p>To apply for the Local Council Foundation Standard Award.</p>	<p>To meet the criteria of the Bronze award and apply.</p>	<p>The first step is to register online with NALC. (£50 registration fee). Prepare criteria evidence and confirm this in a public meeting. Accreditation lasts for four years.</p> <p>2018: Council to review during 2019 after audit and governance reviews. 2019: no update (Oct 19)</p>

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		Action: Clerk to obtain information on Award Scheme Outcome on Objective, March 2020: Clerk to obtain information on Award Scheme

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