

## Village Plan Implementation Group

Environment Working Group

Update on Activities – March 2017

Village Plan Action Reference	Objectives	Activities and Achievements	Status
2.1.1	<b>ENVIRONMENT: Resolve environmental issues identified in the survey</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce litter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and location of waste bins surveyed and now plotted on the new village website.</li> <li>• Working relationship established with Street Scene (part of CWAC) regarding bins, location, up-keep, fly-tipping and refuse collection.</li> <li>• Litter picking scheme started and now running from the Library. Equipment for litter picking (pickers, hi-vis vests &amp; bags) sourced from Street Scene, and available to any resident.</li> <li>• Poster made for Library noticeboard encouraging residents to note concerns, report 'grot-spots' and for advertising of community litter picking dates and times.</li> <li>• Litter picking scheme promoted to Sandiway shop owners to encourage them to pick litter once/week immediately around the shops.</li> <li>• Publicity of litter picking scheme made through Northwich Guardian and social media.</li> <li>• Raised awareness of 'Report It' online service on village website which enables Street Scene to know of problems reported by the public and to respond.</li> </ul>	Reduction of litter will always be ongoing, but raising of awareness and initiation of mechanisms for residents to tackle litter is complete.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce dog fouling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and location of waste bins surveyed and now plotted on the new village website.</li> <li>• Social media used and streets surveyed to identify problem areas.</li> <li>• 'Pink poo' campaign carried out on Ash Road.</li> <li>• Results still being evaluated.</li> </ul>	Likely to be an ongoing problem but campaign is still ongoing and raises awareness.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further hedge / tree trimming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group clarified mechanisms for reporting growth that hinders use of pavements and blocks visibility for drivers. These are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For council owned land, use the 'Report It' route using the CWAC website or in person at council offices</li> <li>○ For private land, report the problem to the Parish Council which will notify the landowner.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These mechanisms were tested successfully for both council owned and privately owned land.</li> <li>• Information on mechanisms for reporting problems were included in the village website.</li> </ul>	Complete.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More winter gritting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and location of grit bins surveyed and</li> </ul>	Complete.	

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		<p>now plotted on the new village website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media used to identify problem areas without grit bins – none reported.</li> <li>• CWAC contacted and it was established that they fill up the bins identified.</li> <li>• CWAC winter gritting routes are identified on their website and cover A roads around the village and main routes through it (Norley Road Cuddington Lane and Weaverham Road).</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface water drainage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group clarified mechanisms for reporting surface water due to blocked drains. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Via the 'Report It' route using the CWAC website or in person at council offices</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These mechanisms were tested successfully for problem at junction of Ash Road and A49.</li> <li>• Information on mechanisms for reporting problems were included in the village website.</li> </ul>	Complete.
2.1.2	ENVIRONMENT: Environmental Improvements		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant more trees, flowers and bulbs in public areas around the village</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of the village identified areas for potential planting.</li> <li>• Permission sought from CWAC to carry out planting on council owned land; still awaiting reply.</li> <li>• A flower bed on Fir Lane was identified as an area to plant immediately.</li> <li>• Support for supply of plants, practical planting effort and for people with ideas for planting designs is still needed.</li> <li>• A budget of £450 was secured for planting materials.</li> </ul>	Work is ongoing.
2.2	PLANNING: Progress a Neighbourhood Plan		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include in the plan issues raised in the survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Protection of green spaces / conservation areas by resisting development in Green Belt and countryside areas</li> <li>○ The potential need for retirement properties and affordable housing through a Housing Needs Survey</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan group was formed to progress a neighbourhood plan and therefore this group does not need to undertake this work.</p>	Complete.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Views expressed on further housing development</li> </ul>		
2.3	<b>SUSTAINABILITY: Develop Energy Saving Ideas</b>		
	Progress energy and cost saving ideas as raised in the survey e.g. bulk purchasing of energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community buying energy schemes were publicised and linked to the village website.</li> <li>● The working group explored the feasibility of a community energy scheme but concluded that it was not economically viable subsequent to changes in government policy.</li> <li>● Other ideas for energy saving and sustainability are currently being explored.</li> </ul>	
2.4	<b>SUSTAINABILITY: Develop Green Ideas</b>		
	Progress green ideas as raised in the survey e.g. allotments, communal composting, and domestic recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The planned allotments at Eden Grange have been a focus of the working group. The group engaged with Taylor Wimpey to clarify the plan for allotments.</li> <li>● Those on the waiting list for an allotment have been contacted and meetings held to inform them of the Eden Grange allotments.</li> <li>● The working group will liaise with the Parish Council to ensure that preparatory work is completed by the developer prior to plots being available.</li> <li>● Recycling of waste in the village has been explored. The performance of the council is good and recycling information from Keir and CWAC are available on the village website.</li> </ul>	