

CUDDINGTON, DELAMERE PARK & SANDIWAY VILLAGE PLAN

Progress Report to Cuddington Parish Council Annual Assembly 24th May 2017

Village Website- candsonline.org

The first annual report was given to the annual assembly on 20th April 2016. This is the second report. Substantial progress has been made during the year. In some instances the Young People and Primary School section had their own priorities which are included under the appropriate heading.

ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP Chairman- Heather Thompson

Reduce litter- a sub group lead by Rae York has organised regular litter picks and have participated in a "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign earlier in the year. Equipment supplied by CWAC held at Sandiway Library for volunteers to borrow and do their own thing. Public encouraged to contact CWAC under the "Report It" scheme for high profile areas.

Reduce dog fouling- A team lead by Joe York engaged with CWAC under their "Pink Pooh" initiative. Two roads were identified but when action was taken little or no pooh could be found. Team now pink spraying where appropriate to highlight problem areas.

Further hedge/ tree trimming, more winter gritting, surface water drainage- Where CWAC is responsible the "Report It" scheme should be used. Where hedge/tree is privately owned issues should be reported to the Parish Council. CWAC are willing to supply and service grit bins at suitable locations. Information on CWAC/ village website.

Environmental improvements- A team is now starting work on this. Problems experienced in locating sites and obtaining permission.

Develop energy saving ideas- Bulk purchase of energy affected at the outset of our work by uncertainty and then significantly reduced government subsidy. Group has since then been focussed on advice to residents on energy saving. Working with CWAC on possibility of local energy advisors/ champions.

Develop green ideas- Worked with CWAC to support their drive to reduce waste going to landfill. Information on village website. Parish Council have engaged with waiting list and many are helping to prepare for self- management of the Eden Grange allotments which are expected to be available sometime in 2018.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP Chairman- Russell Smith

Raise awareness of existing services, activities and facilities- a new comprehensive village website (candsonline.org) launched October 2016. Content constantly updated. News room, calendar, business directory, forum topics. This has been very well received and complements the monthly Round Tower publication.

Improve and modernise e communication- Although connectivity in local area is improving group found gaps. Worked with MP. Vodafone have recently submitted a planning application for a mast at rear of Gospel Church, School Lane.

Extending Doctors Surgery hours- Member of group now member of Danebridge PPG. Engagement with surgery. Some improvements achieved around communication and booking appointments. However it has become clear in the last few months mainly on account of the shortage of Doctors

both nationally and locally that to extend hours at Sandiway is now an unrealistic aspiration. Additional information on Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group website.

Develop voluntary services and advice about benefits in village- Meetings taking place with local welfare groups such as churches, support groups and individuals to build a picture of what there is and see whether there are any gaps. May be opportunities to work more together. If so recognised that a volunteer coordinator would be required.

Increased policing- initially this was going backwards. However, the police have now indicated that monthly meetings with a PCSO at the Library will be re- instated.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP Chairman- John Faulkner

Parking- Extension to Sandiway shops car park delivered by Parish Council/ Highways. Some parking restrictions there to be completed. Some other improvements completed.

Speeding traffic, impact of through traffic, poor condition of roads, pedestrian crossings- Traffic data recently obtained on the back of surveys by CWAC re the 20 MPH speed limit programme. Highways have now agreed a number of improvements at key locations in the village. Pedestrian crossing to go ahead at Cuddington shops. Public encouraged to use "Report It" scheme for pot holes.

Walking- Engaged with Primary Schools/ CWAC. Children encouraged to walk where possible. Public encouraged to use "Report It" scheme to report problems with roads/ pavements. Group completed a survey on problems with roads and pavements and reported findings to CWAC. All problems were resolved.

Buses- Arriva NW took over 82 service from GHA and frequency was reduced from half hourly to hourly. After initial teething problems service is now considered reliable. Group took decision to work for additional destinations Cuddington Station and Delamere Park. Meeting has taken place. Arriva NW have agreed to a further meeting in three months.

Improve rail services- Engaged with CWAC. Improvements to station achieved, some via Friends Group. Group are relying on local representatives on MCRUA to improve the operation of the rail service.

CONCLUSION: The whole implementation team agreed at the outset that we would work for 2 years. By the end of this year it is expected that we will have produced a document summarising outcomes on all actions and where appropriate indicate where work is complete, continues and if so by whom. There is a lot of information on the village website- please take a look if you have not already done so.

There have been 24 volunteers who have worked very hard over the last 20 months. Thank you to all of you. I am very grateful.

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