

Education and Leisure

- Would the 59 who indicated a willingness to become involved please step forward(!), so we can put you in touch with each other, seek ideas and support from the B&NES youth worker;
- Lobby for adult education classes in the Parish.

Housing

- Support Parish Council in its efforts to obtain affordable housing provision within the Parish, subject to suitable sites being available.

Countryside and Environment

- Encourage responsibility for stewardship of countryside, e.g. contacting B&NES action line to report fly tipping, broken gates or stiles, or any environmental vandalism - don't leave it to someone else. **[B&NES action line number : 01225 394041; email actionline@bathnes.gov.uk];**
- Consider a 'tidy parish' litter picking day to encourage greater awareness and responsibility;
- Build on the work of the Primary School and make maps of local walks more widely available;
- Encourage tree planting;
- Use process of Design Statement to identify and protect our green spaces within the village.

Heritage

- Gauge level of support and number of volunteers, and explore possibilities of funding a 'stories' project. Build on any past or existing projects within the Parish.

Tourism

- Encourage use of CM website for local retailers, pubs and businesses to advertise services to tourists; and encourage retailers to stock tourist promotional material;
- Explore ways of raising the profile of the Parish.

Parish Communications

- Establish an events calendar on the CM website with links to similar calendars on other Valley websites, with a view to supporting and giving wider publicity to community events and avoiding date clashes;
- Raise profile of the annual Parish meeting by encouraging community groups, clubs and societies groups to participate and share their successes, aspirations and disappointments;
- Coordinate fund-raising and grant-seeking activity between Parish Council, Chamber of Commerce, Chew Magna Society, schools etc;
- Encourage the formation of discussion groups to generate debate and foster innovative ideas and initiatives for future action in the Parish.

The Parish Plan Steering Group

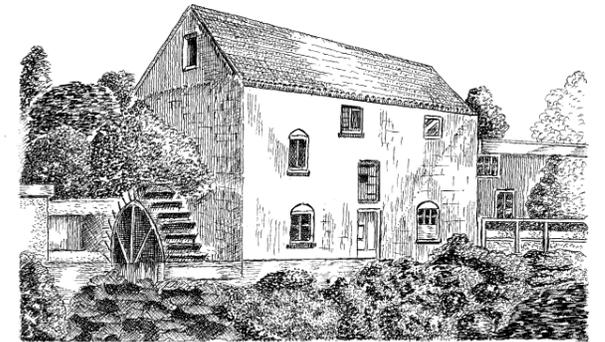
The Steering Group includes representatives of the Parish Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chew Magna Society, the Parish Church, the farming community, local clubs and societies and, geographically, residents of the village and outlying hamlets. The members of the Steering Group are:

Rosemary Campbell
Roger Cockhill
Kate Daintith
Charly Dando (*secretary*)
Julie Dark
Heather Gibbs
Marie-Louise Hales (*PC coordinator*)

Charles Hallsworth (*treasurer*)
Nick Hasell (*PC rep*)
Judy Kendall (*events*)
Peter McKendry (*deputy chairman*)
Jane Millard (*publicity*)
Tim Smithers (*chairman*)
Kevin Taber



PARISH PLAN



The Mill, Chew Magna

Action Plan September 2004

This Action Plan draws together the key findings of the Parish Plan consultation process which has taken place over the past year. It focuses on those issues which have emerged as being of importance to the majority of those who live and work in the Parish and use its facilities.

An important element of the consultation process was the questionnaires. Just under 1000 household questionnaires were distributed of which 601 were returned (but not necessarily fully completed). 56 young people completed the young person's questionnaire. A huge 'thank-you' to everyone who responded (as well as the army of volunteers who collected and delivered and who spent many happy hours at their PCs inputting data).

The high percentage response will help to support the Parish Council in lobbying for change and seeking to deliver the identified actions over the coming months and years.

The steering committee was particularly appreciative of the thoughtful comments received from many of our young people. The Primary School deserves a special mention for their well researched contribution in the form of a 'powerpoint' presentation. A copy of their presentation can be seen on the Chew Magna website www.chewmagna.co.uk

Clearly it is not possible to reflect every single idea which has come forward. The Steering Committee has therefore sought to produce an Action Plan which reflects the views of the majority of parishioners.

The Action Plan is only the beginning of the next and more difficult phase of making the Parish Plan a reality.

This summary is being distributed to all households and businesses in the Parish. If you would like help in taking the plan forward, please contact

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The Action Plan

The following is a summary of the actions the Parish would like to see implemented over the next five years. In many cases these are issues for the Parish Council to take forward, and are therefore subject to future Parish Council decisions. Many of the issues which are uppermost in people's minds, such as traffic, will inevitably require action by B&NES Council.

The Parish Council have recommended the following levels of priority:

Red: aim to achieve within 2 years

Blue: aim to achieve within 4 years

Black: aim to achieve within 5 years.

This programme is not intended to constrain individual initiatives. Indeed, the Steering Committee would encourage all parishioners to identify and champion actions they feel strongly about.

This Action Plan seeks to capture the views which command broad support. Clearly it is not possible to reflect every single idea which has come forward during the consultation process. The Steering Committee accepts that a number of proposals - for example traffic measures, street lighting or improvements to our public spaces - may have a direct impact on individual parishioners and businesses. It will be the responsibility of B&NES Council and the Parish Council to ensure that there is appropriate consultation at the time when detailed schemes are being proposed.

Inevitably the Action Plan is only the start of the process. Some proposals require further work to identify the most effective ways of implementation. It is therefore intended that a 'planning group' will continue the process started by the Steering Committee, engage with groups within the Parish, feed practical suggestions to the Parish Council, work with the Parish Council to achieve a co-ordination of activity across the Parish and encourage initiatives to implement the Action Plan.



PARISH PLAN

Emergency Services

- Increased 'bobby on the beat' cover.

Street Lighting

- Ensure that, if possible, environmentally sensitive lighting is considered when new lighting is installed or where lights need to be replaced. Whilst not wishing to encourage light pollution in the parish there might be certain areas within the parish where elderly and young people might wish to see improved lighting.

Road Maintenance

- Target improvements for gritting and snow removal services in hamlets.

Built Environment

- Seek funding for a supplement to the Parish Plan to enable the preparation of a Design Statement and seek its adoption by B&NES as Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- Encourage and support business owners and occupiers of premises in Harford Square and the High Street in promoting visual improvements to Harford Square and the High Street;
- Explore new ideas to improve pedestrian and traffic safety that are more sympathetic to our built environment.

Young People

- Recruit adults with time and good ideas; and call on the resources of the B&NES youth worker.
- Build a consultation framework to allow young people a voice in parish affairs;
- Explore ways of alleviating youngsters' concerns on personal safety.

Traffic speed

- Introduce measures to reduce traffic speed within the Parish;
- Consider whether 20mph advisory limits should be introduced in identified areas; and explore other ways of reducing traffic speed;
- Introduce automatic traffic speed warning signs (similar to that on the A37 approaching Whitchurch);
- Introduce pedestrian safety measures on Winford Road between Broadcroft and Dark Lane at the top of the High Street and at Chew Lane junction; in Spratts Bridge area; and at the Chalks;
- Continue to seek means for older people safely to cross the High Street and South Parade;
- Widen the pavement and introduce a traffic priority system at Tun Bridge;
- Consider a traffic priority system at Portbridge.

Traffic congestion

- Consider weight restrictions for vehicles using the B3130 through the village;
- Work with Winford Parish to lobby North Somerset Council over use of B3130;
- Introduce measures to discourage the use of Moorledge Road as a rat run;
- Explore scheme for households to 'rent' driveways to local businesses.

Car Parking

- Establish a publicly owned car park close to the village centre, preferably at a Tunbridge Road site; and establish whether parishioners would be willing to contribute towards funding via increases in the parish council precept;
- If 100% public funding is not possible, explore opportunities for private contributions to funding.

Transportation

- Explore the possibility of establishing a service similar to the Keynsham 'dial a ride' service to provide pre-booked minibus transport within the valley, with connections to public bus services e.g. on the A37 and A38;
- Such a service - or a voluntary car lift scheme - will become particularly important if the doctors' surgery relocates to the Radford site in Chew Stoke.

The Business Community

- Local businesses need to attract more people into the parish to shop and as tourists. Car parking and public transport improvements will help; establish whether local business would be willing to make a financial contribution;
- Local companies to be encouraged to support work experience placements and apprenticeships programmes.



St. Andrew's Church, Chew Magna



Silver Street, Chew Magna