

Clutton Parish Plan 2010



St Augustine's Church from Clutton Hill

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Abstract

This Parish Plan has been drawn up to identify the ‘needs, wants and desires’ of the parish of Clutton until 2026, in line with Bath and North East Somerset Core Strategy.

In 2008 a survey was conducted asking the opinions of all residents in the parish. This was followed up in 2009 by asking for further responses at the Flower Show. All responses were collated. Short term actions were addressed and where possible resolved by the Parish Plan Sub-Committee in conjunction with the Parish Council. Some actions are ‘ongoing’ and will be constantly revisited. Actions which were more complicated, and with longer time frames, were identified and addressed as appropriate. Some of these will take several years to complete and may require dedicated committees to manage the projects.

Since the commencement of this process developments and changes have occurred. In May 2010 the general election changed the government from Labour, to a coalition of Conservative and Liberal Democrats, which has resulted in some national policy changes. The Regional Spatial Strategy initiative has been scrapped which means that the identification of many new sites for housing, employment growth, and for gypsies are no longer compulsory. The new government is emphasising requirements for growth according to local need, rather than based on national doctrine. It is anticipated that more policy changes may occur over time.

Clutton Parish Council feels it is important to set out what is required, and what is not required in the parish, according to the local needs of its residents and workforce. All developments and progress must be in line with the mission statement:

Mission Statement for the Parish of Clutton

The residents of the parish of Clutton would like to continue to enjoy a good standard of living, good health and longevity, and for the parish to evolve in line with modern trends, but without compromising the friendly community or quiet, green and pleasant environment.

Summary of Key Actions and Desired Outcomes

<p style="text-align: center;">Transport and Traffic</p> <p>A37 - Speed limit to be reduced to 30mph through Clutton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrian crossing at top of Station Road to be installed - Red Hill traffic controlled satisfactorily <p>Speed limit to be reduced to 20mph by school</p> <p>All road surfaces repaired adequately, drains cleared thoroughly resulting in no flooding</p> <p>Lorries operating when stipulated, taking correct routes</p> <p>Bus service to Bath on daily basis to be established</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Local Economy</p> <p>Draw up a full plan of all major businesses in parish</p> <p>All waste to be disposed of correctly</p> <p>No large scale commercial development east of A37</p> <p>Developments in parish complying with Parish Council requests</p> <p>No gambling establishments to be established</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Community</p> <p>Play area to be adopted by Parish Council</p> <p>Continued support for Clutton and Temple Cloud News Magazine</p> <p>Have Parish Council representation at Flower Show in August</p> <p>Provide noticeboards around the village</p> <p>Ensure website is maintained and updated</p> <p>Establish neighbourhood watch schemes in all areas of parish</p> <p>Tackle waste and fly tipping in the parish</p> <p>Encourage wider use of the church as a community building</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Environment</p> <p>Improve lighting along path to allotments</p> <p>Ensure all allotments are used and controlled to cover costs</p> <p>Work with Woodland Trust to raise awareness of Greyfield Wood</p> <p>Maintain current footpaths in the parish</p> <p>Encourage development of new cyclepaths and bridleways</p> <p>Ensure all problem overhanging vegetation is removed</p> <p>Resist any move to reduce Green Belt by BANES</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Housing</p> <p>Investigate setting up affordable housing for first time buyers</p> <p>Investigate the housing needs of the elderly</p> <p>Ensure housing developments are in line with the infrastructure</p> <p>Work towards putting mains drainage in all parts of the parish</p> <p>Discourage traveller sites in the parish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Education</p> <p>Ensure all local school age children can attend the village school</p> <p>Encourage all to walk to school if living in the village to reduce parking problems</p> <p>Continue to support the village school and its activities</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leisure Area Site</p> <p>Encourage good liaison between the current users and groups</p> <p>Negotiate a long term lease with BANES</p> <p>Set up Community Development Trust with Committee</p> <p>Develop site in line with local needs led by a local ‘champion’</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Plan</p> <p>Ensure the Parish Plan is adopted by the Parish Council</p> <p>Lodge a copy of Parish Plan with the Clerk and BANES</p> <p>Revise the Parish Plan every 3-5 years as appropriate</p> <p>Ensure all parishioners can access the Parish Plan when requested</p>

Introduction

The writing of Clutton Parish Plan has been somewhat protracted for a variety of reasons and inevitably, over time, developments have occurred which have influenced the final result.

In 2005 the Parish Council decided to set up a Parish Plan Sub-Committee to investigate the possibility of writing a Parish Plan utilising grants which had become available. This Sub-Committee carried out a great deal of work within the community, much of which centred on the Leisure Area in the middle of the village. Unfortunately after a great deal of effort by many people, and after many discussions, it was decided that the aims and objectives agreed for the Leisure Area would not come to fruition for a number of reasons including a lack of significant funding, and problems with the lease for the site held with Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES). So it was decided to change tack.

In 2008 a new Parish Plan Sub-Committee was set up to look at the parish afresh. It was decided that the main reasons for writing a Parish Plan were:

- to examine the parish as it was at that time
- to seek out the views of all parishioners concerning the current situation and future needs
- to identify problems and, where possible, solve them or improve the situation
- to identify long term outcomes for the parish in terms of developments
- to try to establish better communications between the parishioners and Parish Council
- to prepare a document based on widespread local consultation to link with BANES' present and future planning for the area

The last point has recently become much more important as BANES is developing its Core Strategy document for the county. This sets down parameters for Clutton, and its environs, until 2026. The Parish Council, and the Parish Plan Sub-Committee, felt that it was important to have a document establishing the needs, wants, and desires of the community of Clutton during this period of potential change.

The original grants available to produce the Parish Plan are no longer available so, in order to keep costs down for the parish, it was felt that a simpler and less glossy document was needed. However, all the main points still needed to be covered.

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1. Clutton Today

The rural parish of Clutton is situated in the centre of a triangle with its points at Bath, Wells, and Bristol all approximately 10 miles away. For electoral purposes it is part of Clutton Ward where it is joined with the parishes of Chelwood and Stanton Drew. The A37 traverses the western part of the parish whilst the A39 passes close to the parish boundary to the east.

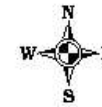
Clutton is a very 'green' parish with a great deal of amenity value. Almost half is designated as Green Belt. Most of the remaining area comprises of green field sites. The land rises quite steeply to the north and east. Walkers, cyclists, and horse riders regularly visit the area to enjoy the far reaching panoramic views to the Mendip Hills some 10 miles away across the valley to the south west of the parish.

Clutton Parish

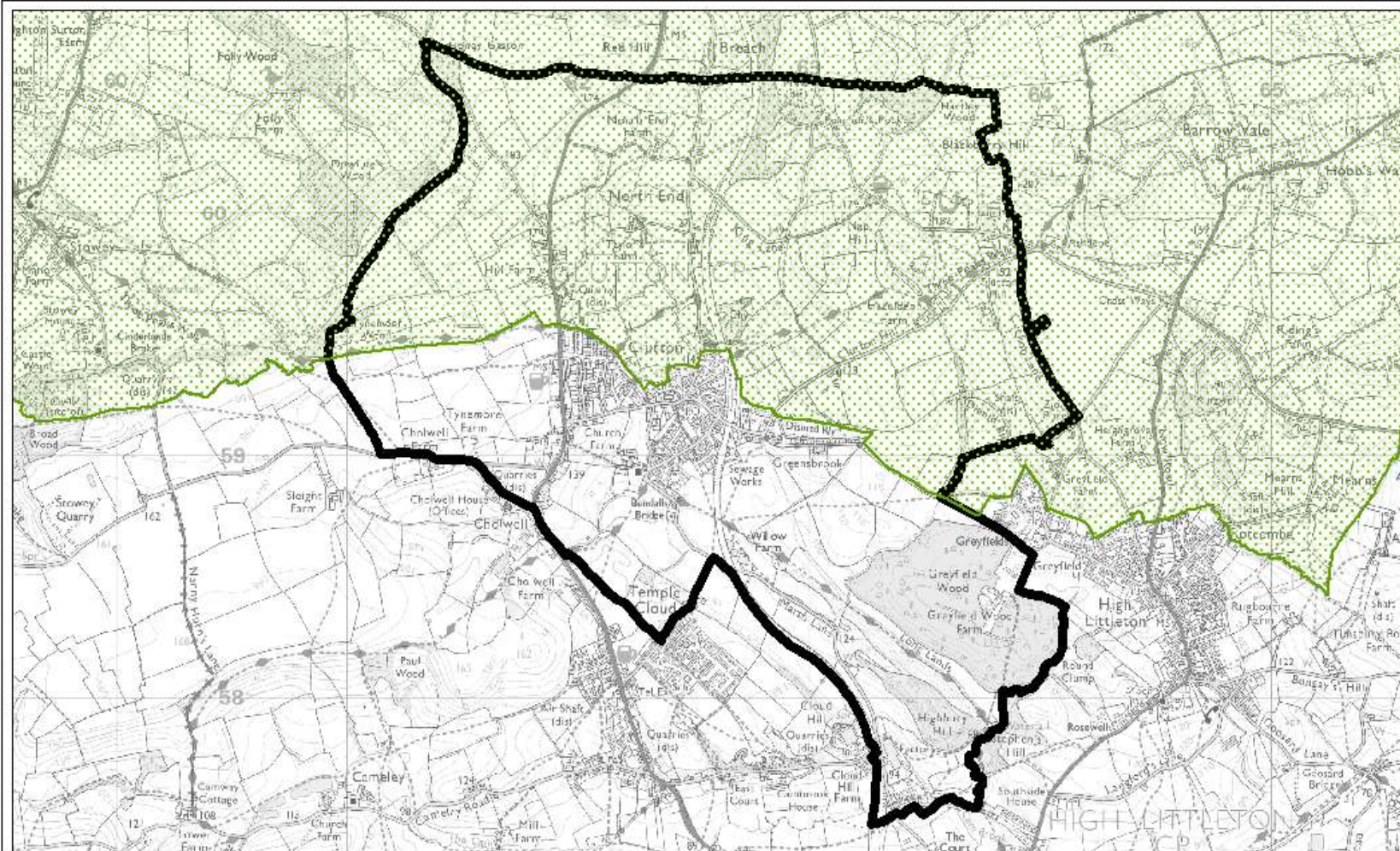
Extent of Green Belt

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Clutton has developed from a great legacy left over the years. The Church of St Augustine in the centre of the village dates back to the end of the 12th century. The 15th century west tower was rebuilt in 1728 and the remainder of the church was built in 1865. It is of great historical and architectural interest and is Grade II* listed. Several monuments in the churchyard are also listed dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.



Church of St Augustine, Clutton

On the wall in the Parish Hall in Venus Lane there is a map showing the parish in 1838. Inevitably the population and buildings were much fewer then. A significant part of the parish was owned by the Earl of Warwick and formed part of his estate. Many of the older houses in the parish are related to his agricultural or mining interests so there are many small terraced cottages built for the miners or agricultural workers. Other families in the parish farmed the land and were significant in the local economy. Church Farmhouse dates back to the 17th century and is Grade II listed. Some of the families still living in Clutton today have lived and worked in the area for several generations and can trace their ancestry back through the tombstones in the churchyard.

Part of the Railway Public House, Springwells (29 Upper Bristol Road, east side), and the Methodist Church (Upper Bristol Road, west side) are also Grade II listed.

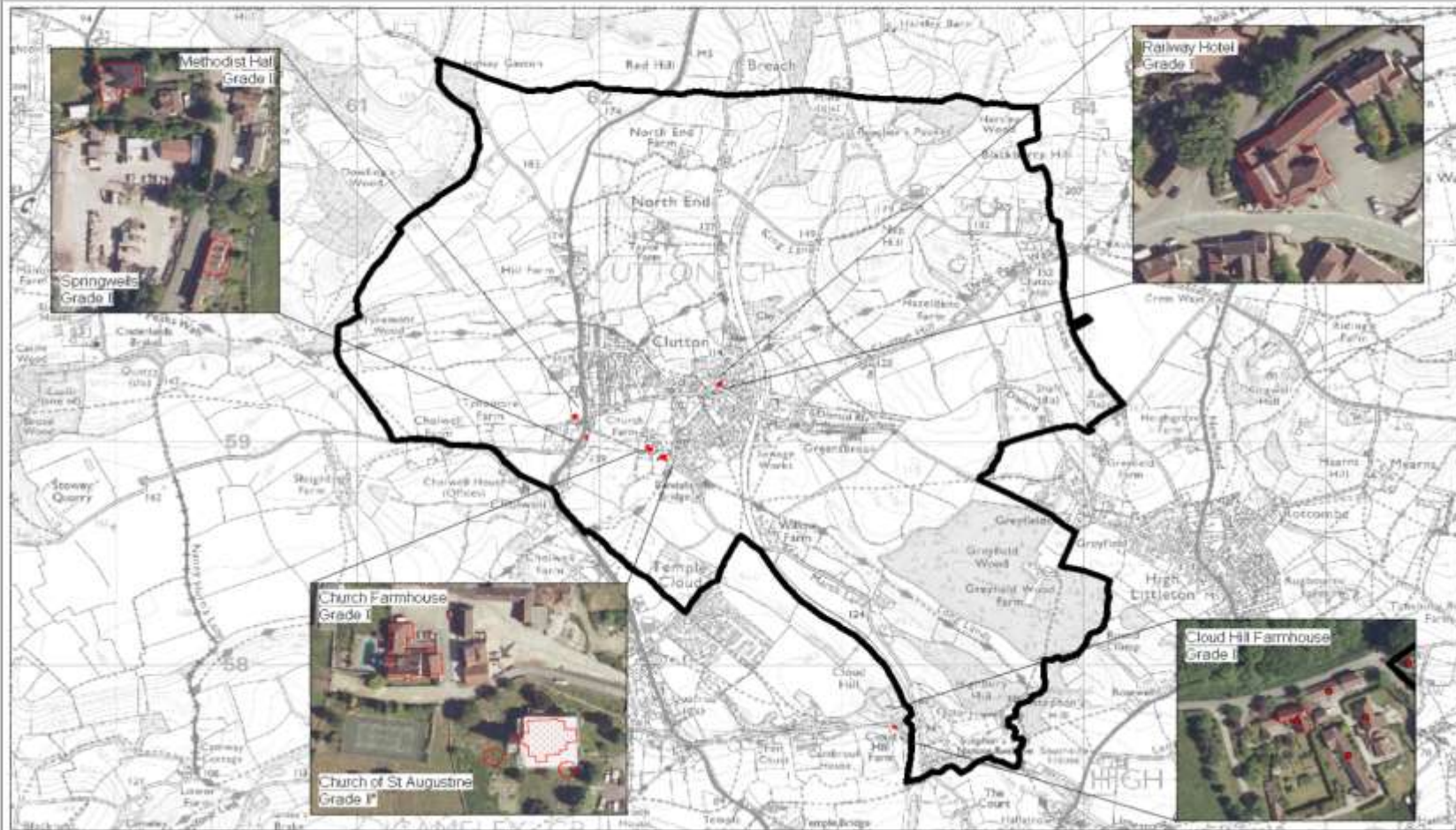
Clutton Parish
Map 4: Listed Buildings

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Coalmining Legacy

Much of the following information about the mining in Clutton is from Fred Flower, from his book 'Somerset Coalmining Life'.

The Somerset Coalfield stretched from Pensford to Vobster, and from Farrington Gurney to Radstock. Much of Clutton to the south and west of the parish yielded viable coal seams. The coal was close to the surface and mining began here in the 17th century, but transport of the coal was problematic as roads were very poor and liable to flood. As the transport improved, and railway links built, technical advances allowed deeper shafts to be sunk and much more coal was mined. A notice in Clandown colliery showed the following shafts in Clutton - Burchells 148ft deep, Fry's Bottom 9ft wide 588ft deep, and Greyfield 10 ft wide and 900ft deep.

By the early 20th century mining had increased and saw Burchells, a drift mine, and Greyfields mines started. Greyfield Colliery became one of the best in the coalfield having multiple shafts which included ones for ventilation and pumping, with a large Cornish pump at the head. Originally coal was sold from the pithead, but in 1873 the railway was built from Radstock to Bristol and a secondary line was put in running from Greyfield to Clutton railway station. This went past Maynard Terrace, crossed the road by a bridge at Greensbrook, and into the siding. Carts trickled down the slight incline to Clutton siding from Greyfield and horses pulled the empty ones back. As production increased a light locomotive called 'Daisy' replaced the horses.

A drift mine nicknamed 'The Cuckoo' was started as an off-shoot to Greyfield towards Clutton Hill. The miners said this would not produce any good coal, hence the name, but the 'experts' of the time thought otherwise. The miners, who worked and knew the seams were proved correct and the mine soon closed. Today the house situated over the mine shaft is called 'Cuckoo Drift'.

In 1906 there was a serious flood in Greyfield Colliery and 200 men were working in the lower levels. Great bravery resulted in no human life being lost, but the pit ponies could not be saved. The mine was closed and many families suffered great hardship. The mine re-opened after the flood waters had been pumped out, but the damage caused was never overcome, and the mine finally closed in 1911. The Greyfield Colliery Company was popular and considered to be a good employer with their miner's interests at heart. They drew up plans to develop another mine at Lower Clutton - Burchells.

Burchells mine was very shallow and ran under the Great Western Railway line from Frome to Bristol. The miners working below could hear the trains crossing overhead. The coal was hauled up by a steam powered winding engine, but production was slow and variable, and often the miners had to take cuts in their coal rations to feed the steam engine. During the First World War mining was subsidised for the war effort, but this later ceased. Wages were very low, and miners were becoming unhappy with the results of their wage negotiations. A lock out was called in 1921 to try and force

the employer's hand for more pay, but this did not help matters. Burchells was the last mine to close in Clutton, in August 1921.

In Clutton today there are people who can remember the working mines, or who have family members and friends who were miners. The sites of the railways and station are still visible, as are some of the coal shafts and undulating ground of the spoil heaps. Local names still reflect the mining legacy e.g. 'The Gug', Burchells Close, and Cuckoo Drift. 'The Sidings' has recently become a new small exclusive housing development.



Housing Development at The Sidings under construction

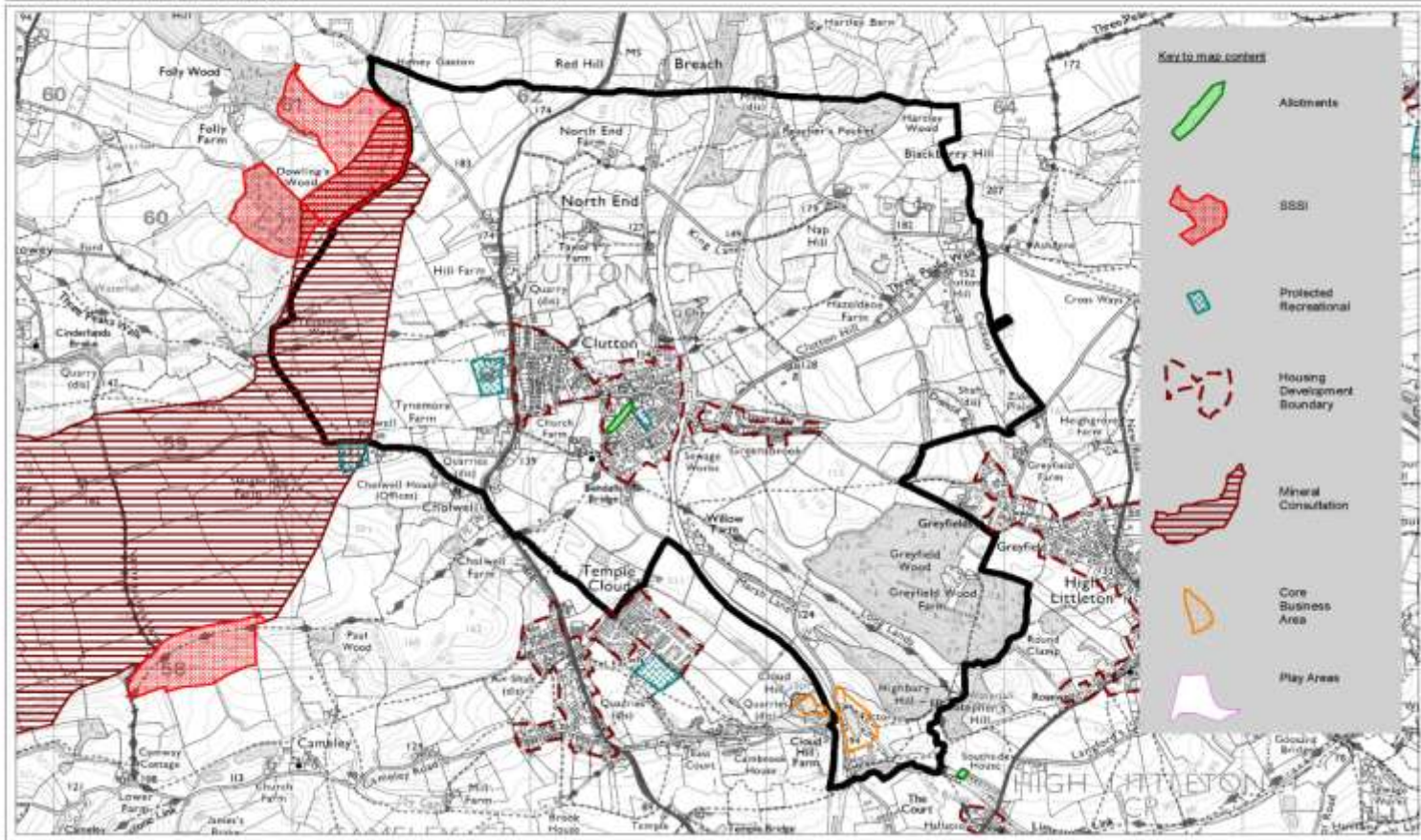
Clutton Parish

Various Core Layers & other Layers of Interest

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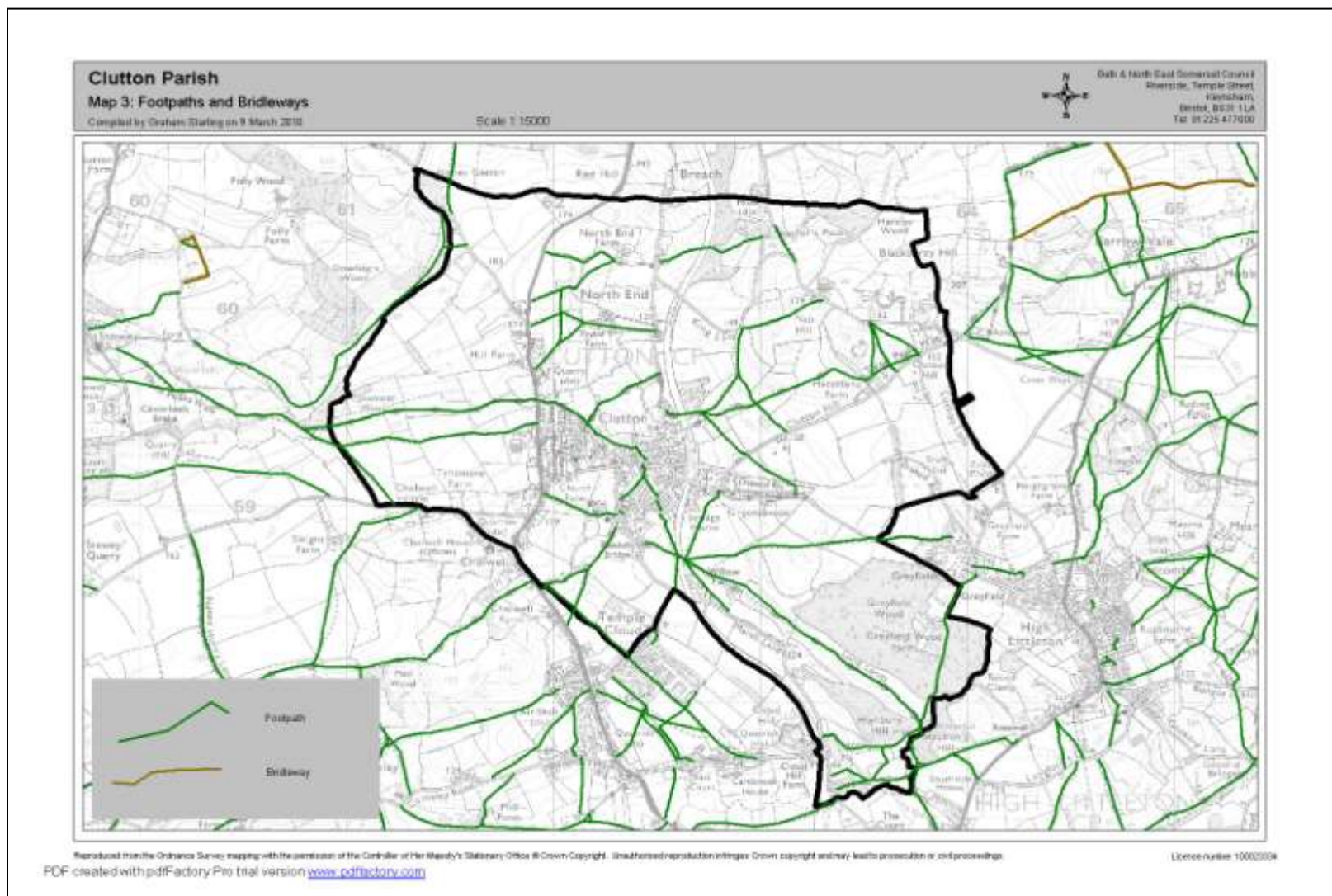


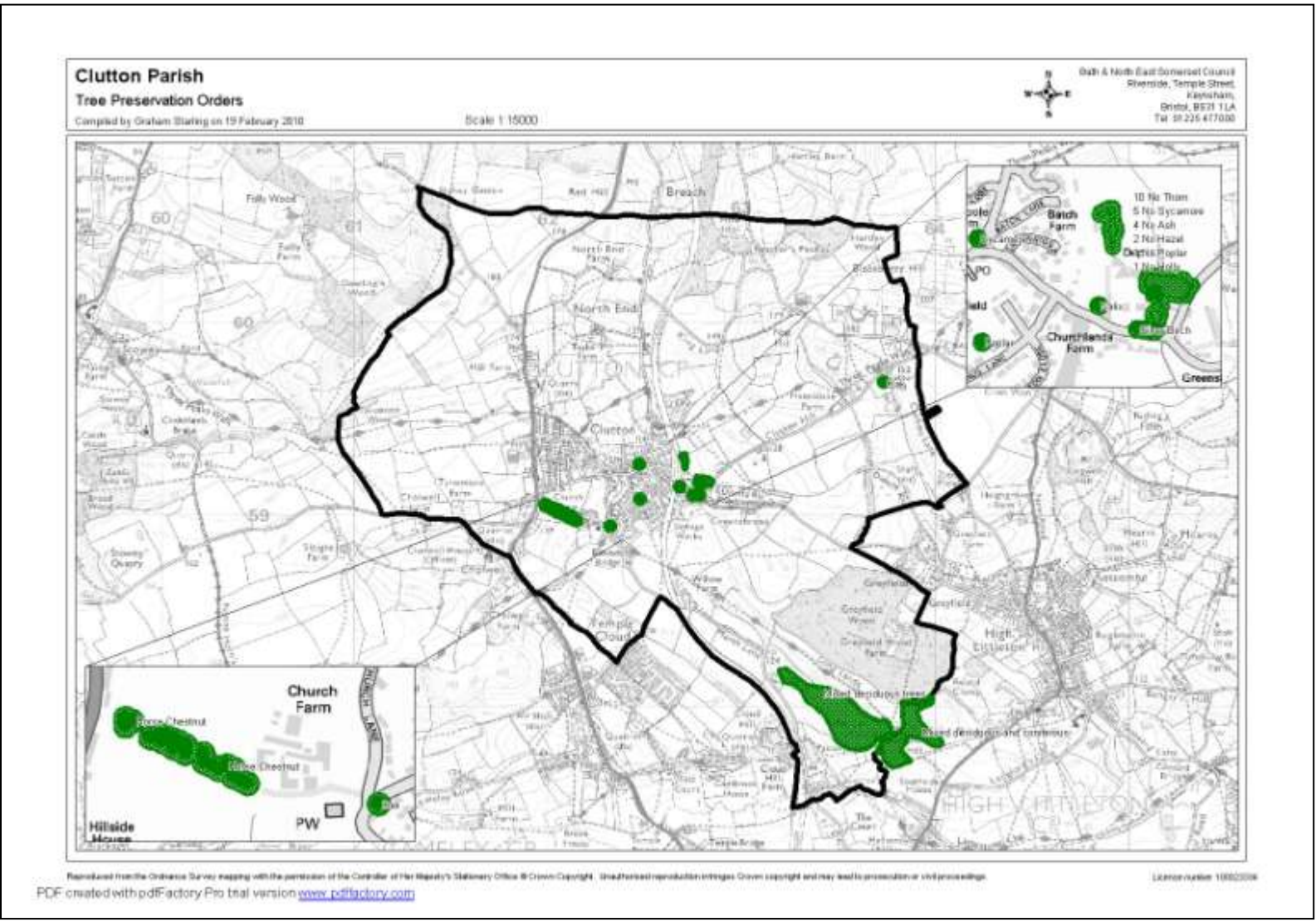
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Key Areas of Interest in Clutton

Clutton has a green and pleasant rural environment. There are no bridleways in the parish but many footpaths which attract locals and visitors to walk and enjoy the area.





Also some of the trees and woodlands in the parish are protected with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) including the Clutton Oak near the top of Clutton Hill, a mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland on the edge of Greyfield Wood, and an Avenue of Horse Chestnuts near Church Farm.

Clutton parish forms the major part of Clutton Ward, with the parishes of Chelwood and Stanton Drew. The social make-up across the parishes within the ward is similar with the average age of the population being around 40. Many people have moved into the parish from elsewhere and Clutton parish now consists of approximately 600 households. There is a very low population density, and this is projected to decline (by BANES) by up to 10% by 2026.

According to the Ward profile supplied by the Local Futures Group on behalf of BANES Clutton scores highly for levels of employment with an educated or knowledge driven workforce, has access to good jobs in the area, and has very little social deprivation. However, it scores at the lowest level for access to services as most households are situated more than 2km away from key services such as schools, GPs, Supermarkets, libraries, and Job Centres.

Of the population less than 1% is classified as non-white, 83% live in owner-occupied properties, and the average household size comprises 2.6 people. The majority of households are made up of married couples with or without dependent children and less than 6% are run by a single parent.

In 2001 more than half of the households had 2 or more cars, and 73% travelled to work by car. 14% worked from home, the remainder used public transport, or went on foot or by bicycle. The average weekly household income was £640 - over £200 more than the average weekly income for BANES in general. Clutton had a low crime rate. The population ate well, less than 20% were obese, approximately 15% smoked, and 73% of the residents enjoyed good health to an old age. The average life expectancy in 2004 in Clutton Ward was well above the average for BANES as a whole.

2. Parish Surveys

Aims and Objectives: The Parish Plan Sub-Committee decided to conduct a survey to identify what was currently present and available in the parish, and to discover what the parishioners would like changed.

In July 2008 every household in the parish was given a survey form to complete and return. The written replies were returned anonymously by post to a designated private address, or by hand to various 'post boxes' around the village. Verbal responses were also given at the Flower Show in August in the Council tent. By number, around 5% of households replied, which meant 95% did not. From that we could assume that 95% of people in Clutton were either happy with the situation, or did not feel strongly enough about certain issues to reply.

The responses were collated and grouped according to topic. Sometimes only 1 or 2 people commented on an issue, whilst other areas of greater concern had many people raising the same problem. The Parish Council said that it would work to address as many of the issues mentioned as possible, but it needed to be recognised that many of them relied on action from BANES so inevitably wheels moved slowly. Some of the problems were beyond the remit of the Parish Council, and some respondents did not give enough information to pinpoint exactly what or where the problem was.

Overwhelmingly people liked the facilities in Clutton - the Post Office, shop, pub, butcher, hairdresser, mobile library, school and Church. Many people stated how friendly the village was and said how they enjoyed the rural location with its quiet open spaces, views, wildlife, trees and woods. The closeness to Bath and Bristol was appreciated, as were the many community organisations and events.

As a result of the initial survey a Parish Action Plan was drafted and all actions were grouped according to potential time scales for completion. The Parish Plan Sub-Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Council, then addressed the issues, commencing with the 'quick fixes'. A flyer was distributed to all households to inform them of the progress made. Regular reports by the Parish Plan Sub-Committee were given at the Parish Council meetings, the Minutes of which are posted on the village website, the parish notice board, and are also available by email from the Clerk on request.

In 2009 a follow-up consultation process was conducted at the Flower Show to encourage people to identify further problems. A draft of the 'wish-lists' of the parish was on display for parishioners to read. Only 1 person read the document. After the show again the responses were collated and incorporated into the Action Plan for further action to be considered.

By 2010 most of the items raised during the previous 2 years had been addressed. Some, such as highways maintenance, signage, and hedge cutting were referred to the Parish Council and were considered ongoing problems requiring constant action. Others, for

example, the Leisure Area and Play Park were more significant items requiring separate action by dedicated committees. These were considered, and acted upon, independently.

In 2010 a comprehensive report detailing ‘needs, wants and desires’ for the parish of Clutton was drawn up, and is shown in Section 3. These actions have been grouped according to BANES headings for ease of reading and linkage with BANES Core Strategy. Timescales for completion have been added where possible. This forms the major part of the Parish Plan and gives a guide for the next 16 years, until 2026.

3. Current Situation, Long Term Actions, Links to BANES Core Strategy

BANES Local Plan remains in force until 2011 when it is expected to be replaced by the Core Strategy document which, after adoption, will remain in force until 2026. This document sets down the framework for change for the whole of the Bath and North East Somerset Area, of which Clutton parish forms only a small part. Clutton Parish Plan has been written to identify the problems and needs within the parish, and may, or may not, reflect the problems and needs for the wider area of BANES. Therefore some problems which exist in BANES as a whole may not be relevant to Clutton, nor can Clutton be expected to provide solutions to problems which do not exist, or are not expected to arise in the parish.

BANES has developed the Sustainable Community Strategy after wider consultation with many organisations including the Police, Fire and Rescue, NHS, the Council, Somer Housing, voluntary and community groups, and representatives from the business sector. They have identified 6 'Drivers for Change' which will feed into the Core Strategy, and will be filtered out to the parishes in the wider area. They are set down below **in bold**. Clutton Parish Plan has taken these 'drivers for change' into consideration.

Climate change - Changing weather patterns, rising energy costs, and the need to lead a lower carbon lifestyle. *A significant number of houses in Clutton do not have mains gas so are reliant on electricity and oil. Many houses do not have mains drainage.*

Demographic change - The local population is increasing and there will be more elderly members of our communities. *In Clutton the local population is expected to decrease, but the percentage of elderly is likely to increase.*

Growth - Housing and employment needs are likely to increase and growth will be required. This growth must be sustained with the necessary supporting infrastructure in place. *Clutton is not expected to significantly increase its housing and employment needs. Any growth would enlarge the village and put additional pressure on the poor infrastructure which already exists.*

Inequalities - There are notable life expectancy gaps in the area that need to be addressed. *Clutton has a high life expectancy in relation to BANES as a whole.*

Locality - There is a need to provide local accessible services and to enable more local food production and sustainable energy production. *Local service provision in Clutton is very poor and well below the average for BANES.*

The Economy - The economic downturn means there are pressures on how we provide services. We will be reviewing how we provide services and looking at ways of increasing the level of joint working between areas and partner agencies. *Clutton would be happy to consider wider partnership working as long it does not conflict with the parish mission statement, nor be detrimental to the parish as a whole.*

Clutton Parish Plan linking to the Core Strategy

Transport and Traffic

Road Use : Road use in and around the parish has greatly increased over the last 10 years. Lorries and vehicles supplying businesses have increased and many more cars use the lanes as rat runs at peak traffic times. The A37 has a constant flow in the morning and evening rush hours and it is very difficult to turn right at the top of Cooks Hill/Station Road. The top of Red Hill has a poor accident rate with a history of fatalities as cars overtake dangerously in the heavy traffic. The surfaces of the roads are constantly being eroded with potholes developing. These pot holes are patched by BANES but they soon reappear.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
Restrict the speed of traffic to 30mph along the A37 through Clutton. Install a pelican crossing on A37 to stop the traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. Continue to press for better road management on A37 at Red Hill. Limit the speed to 20mph close to the school. Enforce the movement of lorries to stipulated times as per planning permissions granted. Continue to pressurize BANES to repair roads, and push for resurfacing through the village on Cooks Hill and Station Road.	Traffic slowed to 30mph on A37 through Clutton.	By 2012
	Pelican crossing in use on A37.	By 2012
	Traffic controlled effectively at Red Hill so no more accidents occur.	
	20 mph speed limit outside the school.	
	No lorries to operate outside designated times.	By 2012
	Resurfaced road through the village.	
	All potholes repaired and adequately monitored.	Ongoing

Drainage: Highways drains are constantly becoming blocked resulting in flooded roads. Many of the drains are old, too small, or have collapsed, and are not ‘fit for purpose’. Constant maintenance is required to keep them flushed through.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Put pressure on BANES to replace the drains with a modern system. In the interim keep reminding them to clean the pipes and tell them when blockages have occurred. Ensure they periodically flush them out as per their service contract. Suggest that when drains are dug out the soil is removed and not placed beside the drain so it can fall back in at the next heavy rainfall.	All old drains replaced. No earth dumped beside drains when dug out.

Traffic: Cars tend to drive fast through the lanes and when they meet a lorry coming the other way lengthy traffic jams can occur. The Flatts is particularly bad when lorries are

driving to and from Clutton Hill Industrial Estate. The lane is too narrow for both vehicles to pass.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Signage for lorries needs to be improved to prevent them taking the wrong routes. All industrial site owners and managers must ensure their lorries take the correct way to and from the sites. Hold meetings with the site owners/managers to discuss all the problems from both sides, and to determine the best way forward to enable them to operate without detriment to the environment or parishioners.	No lorries taking the incorrect routes or cutting through the lanes at any time.

Buses: Public transport to local towns and villages, the hospitals, and GP practices is not easy or readily available from Clutton. A bus service to Bristol runs along the A37, and to Bath via nearby villages along the A39. There is a very limited service which runs from the village but the timings are poor.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
The public transport system needs to be investigated and further buses would be of great benefit to the village. Many people would like a regular and reliable service to Bath.	A daily weekday service and Saturday service to Bath.

Airfield: At the northern perimeter of the parish there is a small private airfield. There was a lot of opposition to BANES granting permission for this purpose. The use has diminished over the last 5 years with very few planes using the site. A recent accident with 2 fatalities suggested that maybe the original opposition was well founded, but the site continues to operate albeit on a very small scale.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
There are no plans to take any action regarding the airfield.	For the airfield to continue to operate on its present small scale.

A37 Highways Depot: The A37 has a Highways Depot which stores lorries, grit for the roads, and road repair materials and equipment. The original depot did not allow vehicles through the village, but it has now been privatised and the lorries take any route.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
To ask the Highways Depot to prevent vehicles passing through the village.	No highways vehicles to cut through the village.

The Local Economy

Clutton has several industrial estates and many small businesses. Some comply with planning permissions granted, others do not. Whilst it is important that there is work available for local people, many employees drive in from other areas. There is strong feeling that all economic development needs to preserve the pleasant rural surroundings and Green Belt designation.

There is a **Royal Mail Sorting Office** situated behind the Post Office. This covers the parishes of Clutton, Temple Cloud, Bishop Sutton, Stowey, and Hinton Blewitt.

Clutton Hill Industrial Estate has developed from Clutton Hill Farm. No agricultural business is now carried out there. Businesses include warehousing and distribution, cider manufacture from concentrate, motor repairs, panel beating and spraying, high value motorbikes, double glazing storage, and sign manufacture. Many of the businesses have been allowed to grow without proper planning permission, do not comply with the type of use granted, and have little regard for the preservation of the surrounding area and close residents. Many complaints have been made concerning working outside hours, lorries taking improper routes, sewerage and waste being inappropriately discharged, and general disturbance. Health and Safety is an issue, and the Environment Agency and Department of Environmental Health have visited the site on several occasions. It has been classified as a Major Economic Development Site and limited infill development will be allowed, but must remain within the current perimeter. All development must have appropriate planning consent and all restrictions should be adhered to.

The Wharf used to house a long established lorry distribution business but this has changed in recent years. Lorries and cars are maintained on a small scale. Some of the land has been developed for residential housing (The Sidings) with more proposed when the economic climate improves.

Marsh Lane has many businesses, some larger and industrial, some smaller and generating less noise and disturbance. These include a stone crusher, motor repairs, printworks, warehousing and distribution, a skip business, a scrapyards, horticultural machinery, building contractors, and a wine import and export business. Some units are empty.

Batch Farm was originally given planning permission for a dried flower business, but this has now expanded into wider business areas.

Along the main road there is also the Warwick Arms pub, a vehicle retailer, and a long established stonemason.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
<p>These major industrial areas need careful monitoring and action needs to be taken to ensure they are properly regulated. Identify exactly what work is being carried out on all the sites. All have issues of access with lorries taking short cuts through the narrow lanes following satnavs. Appropriate signage needs to be installed and policed. Planning enforcement needs to be taken up with BANES when compliance is not being carried out. Noise, pollution, and wear and tear on the roads and hedgerows all need to be kept to a minimum. Effluent discharge into the highways drains needs to be investigated with a view appropriate waste disposal being carried out. BANES needs to be made to listen to the views of the local residents and those of the Parish Council, and take action where appropriate.</p>	<p>A full plan of all activities of all the major businesses operating in the parish. No businesses to operate outside planning permissions granted. All lorries taking correct routes to and from the industrial estates. Correct signage in place. No inappropriate waste disposal to take place. BANES to listen and action to the views of the Parish Council and local residents.</p>	<p>By 2012</p> <p>2012</p>

Further Business Development: In consideration of BANES Core Strategy document the only place which may be suitable for more commercial development is west of the A37 where access is directly on to the main road. More development could take place in Marsh Lane **but only if** a link road to Hallatrow is built to control the traffic. All other areas are already over burdened with lorries and supplier's vehicles which damage the narrow lanes, roadside banks and high hedges, and cause danger to pedestrians on the winding roads in the village. The parish does not want any more!

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
<p>Action to ensure no further significant industrial development occurs in the parish by objecting to BANES through the planning process.</p>	<p>Very limited development on the A37 if this is essential, otherwise no significant industrial business development in the parish.</p>

Businesses in the parish: In the village there is a butcher and a Post Office, with a cash point. These are regularly used and supported but could do with more business. The Post Office, with the Sorting Office behind, is an important business and community facility and strong support must be given to ensure it remains. Other businesses in the parish include 2 pubs, as well as the Warwick Arms on A37 already mentioned. The Hunters Rest in King Lane is very popular having a good menu and draws in many people from

surrounding areas. The Railway Inn in the village is supported more by local people and also serves food. It also has a cash point. Other businesses include lorry and vehicle repairs, a steeplejack, window manufacturer, a hairdresser, a plumber, building contractors, and several small cottage industries.

Several old farming families work the land around the parish growing crops such as sweet corn, wheat, barley and oil seed rape. Pasture land feeds sheep and cattle and some fields are privately owned for equestrian use. There are many horses in and around the parish with privately owned yards, and 3 livery businesses within the parish boundary. One of the livery yards holds equestrian competitions on a regular basis. Some of the farmers work part time as contractors supplying agricultural services to other parts of the community eg hay and silage making, combining, and hedge cutting.

Employment within the parish keeps it alive and vibrant. Whilst many residents commute to work to Bath, Bristol, Wells and further afield, local employment is good.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
<p>Support for local businesses should be encouraged to keep them economically viable. Strong support should be given to maintain the Post Office as a business and community facility. At the same time care needs to be taken to ensure all the businesses are in keeping with the pleasant rural environment and not increasing out of hand. All economic development needs to be in balance with the community, and Green Belt areas.</p>	<p>A good mix of small businesses in keeping with the rural nature of the parish. The Post Office to remain as a business and community facility for the village.</p>

Gambling - The Gaming laws have been changed and new places for gambling are now able to be developed. The Parish Council do not believe this should be encouraged in such a rural parish and would not support any form of club or casino for gambling purposes to be built in the area.

The Community

Mobile Library: A mobile library visits the village on Tuesdays and Thursdays twice a month, 4 visits in total. This is well supported by the local community.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
The visits by the mobile library must be maintained as it provides a valuable service not only to borrow books but also as a social event.	The mobile library to continue to visit the parish.

Play Areas: There are two playgrounds in the village. A small area is maintained by BANES to the rear of the Station Site at Burchell’s Close; it has not been adopted by the Parish Council. The main play area is situated behind the village hall in Venus Lane and is well attended on a daily basis. The Parish Council recently erected some goalposts which were well received by budding young footballers in the village. The area is well used for leisure and ball games. The playground has recently been the subject of ‘improvements’ under the jurisdiction of BANES, but despite lengthy negotiations with the Parish Council, which appear to have been largely ignored, this area has been badly designed and constructed and does not fulfil the requirements of the village. It has not been adopted by the Parish Council. The play equipment installed is not expected to have a long term life span, and is not ‘fit for purpose’.

Subsequently a community based group formed the ‘Playpark Association’ and developed many fundraising initiatives in order to improve the main play area. They were very successful, with local business and other community groups giving their support. Now some superior play equipment has been installed which is more appropriate to the needs of young children in the village.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
The Play Area is mainly completed with the poor play equipment provided by BANES being improved or replaced. Complete work so full adoption can be made by the Parish Council. Further improvements are being considered eg additional litter bins.	BANES to listen to the needs of the village and employ people who can deliver a much higher standard of work in the future. Full adoption by the Parish Council. A new litter bin to be placed in the grounds.	2010

There are many active community groups and societies in and around the parish.

Clutton WI is a thriving and popular group with 45 members. It meets monthly with talks on cookery, has a lunch club, a craft group and organises various outings throughout the year. Some members also give voluntary assistance to the school helping with cookery lessons and the after school craft club.

The **Clutton Horticultural Society** organises outings, stages several shows a year including the highly acclaimed Summer Flower Show which draws entries from a wide geographical area and has many tents and attractions. The society has seed evenings and plant sales, and an annual dinner with the presentation of many trophies and awards. Many of these are sponsored by local businesses and private individuals, and go to local people or families. The Summer Flower Show has been held for over 72 years on several farmers' fields close to the village.

Clutton Baby and Toddler Group and the **Jigsaw Club** meet in the village hall on Wednesday and Monday mornings respectively. They are for mothers and toddlers, and older children up to school age. Leisure activities are organised for the children and outings are arranged from time to time.

Clutton Amateur Football Club play at Warwick Fields behind the Warwick Arms. They have a main team and reserve team which are made up with local young players and some from further afield. They are currently greatly improving, and the young people enjoy the local recreational activity.

Clutton Guides and Brownies usually meet in the village hall every Wednesday evening.

Clutton History Group meets monthly in the village hall and has a variety of speakers covering many local historical topics.

Other groups include the **Playgroup, Youth Club, and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts** which meet at the Station Site Leisure Area - more details follow.

There are many other clubs and societies for all ages in the surrounding villages of Farrington Gurney, Temple Cloud, Bishop Sutton and along the Chew Valley.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
All clubs and societies which support and enhance the community of the parish are to be encouraged. It is anticipated that this will continue.	We would like to see good support for the above groups, with more being set up in the community as appropriate.

Social Club: There is an active Social Club in the village hall with a skittle alley, snooker room, crib league, and bar. This is regularly used by local people who pay a small subscription to join. Money is raised and used for local purposes.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
There are no plans to change this as it is currently successful and has a good management committee.	The Social Club to continue to flourish for the foreseeable future.

Communications in the parish are covered by several methods. Information is passed on by word-of-mouth, and local advertisements in the village shop.

Clutton and Temple Cloud News is a monthly news publication edited and run by volunteers. It is delivered directly to subscribers for the small annual payment of £4, or it can be purchased on a monthly basis at various outlets for 40p. The A4 format generally runs to 24 pages, and gives lots of local information regarding the school and local events, business advertisements, clubs and society news and forthcoming events, and anything else which is deemed of interest to the parish. It has information regarding the church and local vicar, but it is not a religious paper.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
This publication is a valuable form of communication in the village and will be encouraged to continue.	The publication to continue in its present form - if not even better.

Parish Council: The Parish Council holds open public meetings on the third Monday of every month in the village hall at 7.30pm. There are 13 unpaid Councillors, and a paid Clerk - a new Clerk was appointed in 2009. Parishioners are invited to attend and give public submissions at the start of every meeting. Copies of the Minutes are placed on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Post Office, and on the website, and an unofficial synopsis of each meeting is written for the Clutton and Temple Cloud News. The Clerk can be emailed with comments and views, as well as telephoned in person.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Communication needs to be made to ensure all parishioners are aware that the Clerk can be telephoned or emailed with problems. Also that they can attend Parish Council meetings to air their views or just listen.	All to know they can contact the Clerk by email or telephone and receive a good response. Have a representation at the Flower Show annually in August so all parishioners can make constructive comments and suggestions. All to know these suggestions will be valued and heard, and responded to where possible.

Noticeboards: There is one parish notice board in Clutton which is small, not widely visible, and only accessed by walking up to the front door of the Post Office. A further noticeboard, which is equally difficult to see is outside the school. Additional noticeboards would be beneficial to improve communications. Local events can be advertised and the word could be spread further.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
Consideration to be given as to the number, size and siting of noticeboards.	Several noticeboards in and around the village. All signs to be removed after events have taken place.	2012

Website: Clutton has a local website which is encouraged by the Parish Council. People of the village are encouraged to put their views across on the Clutton website and this is seen as a particularly good way to obtain the views of younger members of the community.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
The website needs to be much more user friendly and kept up-to-date. The Clerk will need to look at the website regularly so comments can be taken forward to Parish Council meetings or dealt with as appropriate. Further investigation needs to be made to determine whether a separate website with a link to the main site could be beneficial for posting of the Parish Council Minutes and emails to the Clerk, or whether the existing site just needs enhancing.	An up-to-date website which is user friendly and interesting. All parishioners to be aware of its presence, and using it regularly.	2010

Broadband is available in Clutton via the Temple Cloud Exchange but it is very slow. It commenced in October 2003 and was enhanced in March 2006. Further upgrading is expected in the second quarter of 2010. However, Clutton has a large number of old overhead telephone cables which limit the speed of transmission. Ideally these need to be replaced with modern fibre optic cables to enable the maximum speeds to be reached. Currently the highest speeds are obtained when underground cable networks are installed.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
A faster service is desired both for business and private use. This needs to be investigated in relation to BTs rollout of faster services.	A fast broadband service to match that of any main town.

Police Support: There is a low crime rate in Clutton. A Police Constable and a Police Community Support Officer cover the area and can readily be contacted. Police updates are sent regularly to the Clerk, and a representative from the Parish Council attends the quarterly Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
Encourage all people to be vigilant regarding crime, and set up local Neighbourhood Watch areas to cover all parts of the parish. Encourage all horse riders in the parish to take part in the Horsecatch scheme.	All areas to have Neighbourhood Watch and Horse Watch schemes in operation. Advertise for volunteers to run the schemes. Link with PCSOs.	2012

Litter is a perennial problem. There are several bins dotted around the parish but these are not always emptied when they are full. There is a village Sweeper who cleans some of the streets. Some of the surrounding lanes have rubbish dumped along the hedgerows and weekend revellers leave bottles and fast food wrappers in their wake.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
Investigate whether more bins are required at the playground behind the village hall. Ensure the litter bins present are emptied more frequently. Act when litter is reported to keep the area clean and reduce the risk of rodents. Ensure the Sweeper has a good site to tip the rubbish collected.	No litter to be left in and around the parish so it is a cleaner and more pleasant environment for all. Additional litter bins at the Playground and the Cabin. No fly tipping of rubbish or garden waste on verges.	2010

Church and Religious Services: St Augustine’s church dates from Norman times, and together with the surrounding cemetery is a central focus point for the village. It is linked with St James in Cameley, St Barnabas in Temple Cloud, The Holy Trinity in Bishop Sutton, the Methodist Church in Bishop Sutton, and St Nicholas and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Stowey. All churches and services are covered by one Priest, and are administered by the Parochial Church Council and various committees. The church has recently been re-roofed with money raised by fund raising events supported by local people. Despite there being around 600 households in the parish of Clutton the church services are regularly attended by very few people. Special religious ceremonies and other individual events draw in greater congregations. Additional church community groups include the **Mothers Union** and **Friday Friends** for children. There are strong links with the school and special celebrations are held during the year with the children present. The Parish Council gives a financial contribution annually to the church for grass cutting and grounds maintenance.

Several successful events have been held in church to raise money for the new church roof. Now this has been carried out other appropriate events could be staged for community and social purposes, as well as raising money for other community needs. Choirs, quartets, other musical events, staging of ‘The Messiah’, and an annual ‘Clutton Proms’ have all been suggested.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Investigate the possibility of holding appropriate events in the church (which may or may not be of a religious nature) to aid the community both socially and financially. Continue to ensure the church and its grounds are kept clean and tidy.	The church to be used more for appropriate community events to enhance its position in the centre of the parish, and encourage more people to visit this Norman building. The buildings and grounds to be kept clean and tidy.

Leisure Area Station Site.

The area is located centrally in the parish, towards the eastern edge of the village. It is roughly rectangular and linear in shape following the site of the old railway line. Pleasant flat grassed areas are surrounded by less cultivated zones which encourage wildlife. Many mature trees and shrubs give a woodland feel with open glades, screening the site from neighbouring houses to the west and south. To the east the ground drops away into a valley with a pleasant rural outlook over green fields and a man made lake.

The site is accessed on the southern side from Station Road via a splayed tar macadam road which leads to the Cabin. The track narrows and continues along the site of the old railway line, past the wooden Scout Hut, and into the woodland to the north where it becomes a stoned footpath. This woodland is believed to be part of the Forest of Avon. Ultimately this track ends in Chelwood.

Clutton Parish Council and various community groups and organisations would like to develop/improve this site to enhance the community enjoyment of the area, particularly for the youth of the village.

Current Situation - The Lease

BANES owns the Leisure Area Station Site and leases it to Clutton Parish Council for £50 per annum. This land forms part of the Land Bank for BANES and although it has been unofficially dedicated by BANES for use by the villagers of Clutton, especially the young people, potentially this agreement could be rescinded at short notice.

Current Site Use

The Cabin

- This portacabin is owned by the Youth Club. This Club meets every Friday evening and around 50 young people aged 8-14 attend, mainly from the village.
- The Youth Club sub-let this building to the Playgroup which meets every weekday morning and in total have over 40 pre-school children attending, with up to 26 in any one session. After the age of 3 years 6 months the children are funded by BANES.
- The building is also occasionally used for Pantomime rehearsals and children's birthday parties.



The Cabin

The Scout Hut

- This ex-military wooden building was erected in 1981 and is used for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Attendees range from 6 to 14 years and all groups are open to girls and boys. They meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and some weekends. In total up to 50 young people attend.

- Explorer Scouts are being planned which would include youngsters up to the age of 18.



The Scout Hut

The Grounds

When the various groups above are not using the site the large gate to the south is locked, but pedestrians can access the grounds. Many villagers use the site for recreation during the course of the week. Pedestrians enjoy walking along the track into the woodland, and dog walkers are common. Young people play in the woods and on the grassed areas, often with bicycles as there are tracks up and down mounds in the wilder areas.

Current Problems

The Cabin urgently needs to be re-clad on the outside to address heating and damp issues. At the front 4 new windows will be required. A new oil tank must be installed by 2010 which alone will cost £2700 to bring it up to modern requirements. This could be part funded by grant monies but these can not be applied for until the new lease is granted by BANES to the Parish Council.

The Playgroup needs to put all its equipment away on a Friday so that the Youth Club can use the building. This is not always easy as storage space is at a premium. Their own dedicated building would be a great asset to them.

The Youth Club needs more indoor space with greater height, and separate areas for small group work. Inside play areas for badminton, basketball, crafts, karaoke, Pool, and a football table would be advantageous. Outside they would like an all weather football pitch, and better outside lighting. A BMX track is also being considered. The outside light switch is inside the Cabin, so it is turned off when the Cabin is locked up. At night the outside area is very dark.

The Scout Hut is due for demolition. Repair work and improved sanitation have been estimated at over £20,000 so the work is not economically viable. The younger children have recently started meeting in a neighbouring village as the Hut is not deemed safe for them. The Scouts spend much time outside when the weather is good, but in the winter it is very cold and dark. Ideally they would like a building/new hut which is a minimum of 10m by 10m and square or U shaped, but anything would be an improvement on their current situation.

Car Access and Parking can be a problem when so many children are being taken to and from the site. This will need to be addressed, but staggered delivery and collection times have helped.

Other Considerations

Clutton has a village hall which has a charitable status. Some community groups regularly meet there, but the hall is too large for small meeting groups, and not big enough for some of the larger village events, such as the Pantomime. The hall also has a Social Club, bar, skittle alley and is a regular meeting place for adults. Any development on the Station Site will not be in direct competition as it is envisaged it will address different audiences.

There is a local village primary school. Due to space restrictions and issues with insurance and safety it is not possible to use this building for other purposes.

The track along the site of the old railway line may be upgraded to a cycle path in the future by BANES and/or Sustrans, but this is not imminent. The land will need to be kept clear and passable to a width of 4m.

Potential Future Uses for the Site

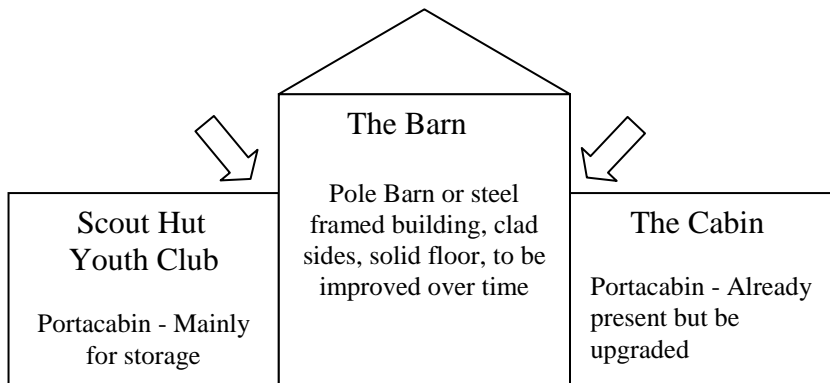
It is envisaged that the current Users will continue to use the site. If appropriate indoor space is provided, and managed, other groups and activities could take place, such as:

- the village Pantomime (this has been held in Temple Cloud as all venues in Clutton are too small)
- shows and events held by the Horticultural Society
- an area for small meetings
- sports facilities for use by all the village eg badminton
- barn dances, plant sales, coffee mornings

- Halloween events, Carols, Harvest Supper
- Other ad hoc events

Embryonic Idea for the Proposed Buildings on the Site

The basic idea is indicated below (not to scale). The arrows indicate where covered walkways between the buildings may be included. This idea would obviously be subject to planning requirements, services and utility upgrades. The work would be phased so groups could continue to operate with the minimum of disturbance, and to even out costs. Improvements could be made over time. The design would need to complement the woodland setting whilst being economically viable. The old Scout Hut would be demolished. Management of the building work, and of the use of the buildings, and insurance, would need to be considered and addressed by the Parish Council.



Not to scale

A New Lease

Clutton Parish Council would like to draw up a new lease, in conjunction with BANES, to establish security for the site for use by the villagers. In order to improve the area and buildings so they are suitable for modern purposes, and to comply with up-to-date health and safety legislation, money needs to be raised and spent, which takes time. To apply for grant aid it is imperative that a lease is present. From Clutton's point of view a long term lease of 50 years would be a tremendous asset, but after preliminary talks with BANES a minimum of 20 years is more realistic. The annual cost of the lease (paid to BANES) would need to be kept to a minimum to prevent excessive increases to the precept, sourced from BANES.

Without the lease, and appropriate funding, the buildings on the site will continue to deteriorate. Grant aid will not be able to be sought for matched funding, and community use will diminish.

When any changes are made to the site it will be important to consider the impact these may have on adjacent residences, and any disturbances will need to be kept to a minimum. A policing system may have to be established to ensure a ‘nuisance’ is not created.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
<p>Obtain a new lease for the site with (ideally) a term of 50 years. Ask the village if the potential site/building could be used for other groups and users. Investigate the planning permission and costs of buildings ‘off the peg’. Draw up a project plan for the site development. Discuss funding possibilities with the main users and Parish Council. Fund raise. Carry out the actions and develop the site.</p>	<p>To have the site developed sympathetically with the environment with new buildings in place and all current groups continuing to operate successfully. Have additional community groups using the site and facilities, a management committee in place to oversee the whole operation, and everything running well. To ensure long term use of the site by the community of Clutton.</p>	<p>New lease by the end 2010</p>

Health

National Health Service: There are no NHS funded health practices in Clutton but the parish is well served by facilities in neighbouring villages. The nearest hospitals are at Paulton, or Bath. Doctors have dispensing practices in Paulton, Cameley and Timsbury. Dentists and Opticians are located in many areas but people tend to have their own favourites, some of which are further afield. There are various other health practices available privately in nearby villages and towns including an Osteopath, a Chiropractor, Alternative Therapies, and Counselling services. A Chiropractor also practices in Rogers Close in Clutton. There are prescription and drug delivery services to Clutton Post Office from Elm Hayes Surgery in Paulton.

	Desired Outcomes
<p>There are no plans to alter the current NHS arrangements and private service provision is dependant on individual businesses.</p>	<p>Current health care provision to remain unchanged, or if possible (but unlikely) to be even more accessible with more practices present.</p>

Environment

Allotments: There are allotments in the centre of the village which are administered by the Parish Council via The Clerk. Most of the plots are well tended and give a lot of pleasure, as well as having the potential to provide valuable home-grown food to the tenants.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
The Parish Council will investigate the area as a whole and continue to support the use of the allotments at reasonable cost in order that they can give the maximum benefit to the village. The lighting along the access path, which is also a cut through for other users, needs to be investigated and improved.	Better lighting along the path to the allotments. All allotments to be well maintained. Rents to cover the costs. Grass paths and hedges surrounding the allotments to be maintained.	2011 Ongoing

Greyfield Wood at the southern edge of the parish is owned and managed by the Woodland Trust. It is a valuable asset in the parish as many villagers walk through and enjoy the flora and fauna which is encouraged by the management processes.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes	Timescales
More use could be made of the wood. Investigations need to be carried out with the Woodland Trust and other bodies regarding the full extent of its potential to benefit the parish as a whole. The assets to be advertised on the website.	Greater awareness by local people of the benefits of Greyfield Wood.	2010

Pedestrians, Cyclists, Horse Riders: Many people come and walk around the parish to enjoy the far reaching views and pleasant outlook. Clutton is a very rural parish with much greenery and bracing clean air. Horse riders and cyclists use the lanes on a daily basis and weekend cycle clubs, runners, and ramblers can often be seen.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
The Green Belt and quiet rural location must be preserved. Vehicular disturbance needs to be kept to a minimum so the quieter rural pursuits can be enjoyed. Investigate the possibility of establishing dedicated cycle routes. Investigate the possibility of providing off road horse riding to benefit horse riders and road users alike, and to keep the parish a safer place for all.	The quiet rural aspect of the parish to remain unchanged. More control over lorries using the access roads. Dedicated cycle routes and bridleways or other off road horse riding facilities established and maintained. Footpath status established on the old railway line.

Vegetation obstructing highways is a problem in the rural parish of Clutton. Verges, and the lower part of hedges (approximately 1 metre) are cut by BANES. The higher vegetation is cut back by the landowners. Many agricultural landowners adhere to the new biennial methods of cutting to claim subsidies. This requires the hedges to be cut in alternate years. During the summer months birds are nesting and should not be disturbed. However, where vegetation is causing an obstruction, and deemed dangerous, vegetation can be cut back at any time of year.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Investigate the hedges in the parish, and where necessary take action to have offending vegetation removed.	Landowners to take more responsibility for regular cutting back of their hedgerows, and overhanging trees, without the threat of action from BANES.

Housing

Housing may be considered an issue in Clutton (as in many urban and rural areas) as the house prices are too high for most local residents wanting to buy their first home.

A small proportion of the housing stock is rented by Somer Housing Association. However, after consultation, any further rented accommodation would not necessarily be retained for the needs of local village people. ‘Local’ is considered by BANES to include Bath and Bristol, so pushing for more rented accommodation would not necessarily provide housing for young village people wanting to set up a home here.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Affordable starter homes are needed possibly on a shared ownership basis. Preferential terms for local village people so they can remain in the area.	Some starter homes available for first time buyers. Local village people given the opportunity to stay in the village.

The housing development at The Wharf (The Sidings) caused a great deal of concern to some residents in the parish and the wishes of the Parish Council were disregarded by BANES. This resulted in extra assets for the village which would have been imposed under 106 agreements not being possible, so the local people lost out. A small area has been built at The Wharf but in the current economic situation some houses remain unsold. The rest of the site lays in waiting for the recession to pass so further development can take place.

In Warwick Gardens there are 10 bungalows for elderly people, administered by Somer Housing.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Housing for the elderly is becoming an increasing problem for local people. A complex of warden controlled flatlets could be investigated to supply the needs of older people. These must be close to good bus routes otherwise the residents could become very isolated. Where families have grown up, and children moved on, older people may prefer to move to smaller homes freeing up 3 bedroom houses for younger families.	Enough housing for elderly people in the parish but without greatly increasing the housing stock.

Additional development raises issues such as the amount of traffic generated and wear and tear on the roads, service provision, the needs of children and older people moving into the village, sewerage and drainage. The sewerage in the village is currently pumped out to High Littleton and is at full capacity. Other areas have septic tanks which can cause problems over the heavy clay soils in winter.

The Core Strategy document from BANES is under review as the recent changes to central government are resulting in changes to local policy. Clutton can not support large scale housing developments. The infrastructure present is already stretched to the limit, and it is difficult to see how it could be improved without tremendous expenditure. Any development around Clutton will also be likely to result in increased traffic passing through the area.

Most of the land in Clutton is designated as Green Belt or ‘green field’, and privately owned. The Wharf site (The Sidings) is currently being developed and has scope for some further expansion. There may also be a small area at Maypole Close which could be investigated for development. Any other development in the parish would be dependent on the landowners applying for planning permission. The Parish Plan can not suggest areas for development unless the landowner instigates this.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
There are few areas in the village which could be considered for housing development other than small amounts of infill. Large scale development is not considered possible. Green Belt to remain protected from development, with increased areas added to the south of the village to separate it from Temple Cloud.	No large scale development on any new sites in the parish. Clutton to remain much as it is whilst minimising the traffic problems associated with any development in the area.

Mains Drainage: Areas supplied by septic tanks would benefit from being placed on mains drainage. This would incur some annual costs to the residents but would prevent the need for septic tanks to be periodically pumped out. The installation costs would need to be investigated with Wessex Water. If all houses were on mains drainage sewerage would not enter the highways drains.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
Investigate the possibility of mains drainage in all parts of the parish.	All parts of the parish to have mains drainage.

Travellers Sites - Several years ago some Travellers took up residence on the Station Site in Clutton. This site was not suitable for this use and, eventually, the Travellers were asked to leave. As a result of this, and considering the parish as a whole, the Parish Council feels that there are no sites in the area suitable for development for the travelling community.

Education and Lifelong Learning

Clutton School was established in 1728 to teach and apprentice 10 children. In 1902 the foundation stone of the present school was laid by Lady Warwick and accommodated 330 children, up to the age of 14.

Today it is a community primary school offering education to all children aged 4-11. The school is popular with the roll increasing. Year 1 and 2 classes are kept to a maximum of 30 pupils. Years 2 - 5 are of mixed age groupings, with a separate class for year 6. There is a new playground at the front with a five aside football pitch, and further play areas to the rear include a garden and conservation area. The village field is used for games, and links are also being established with Clutton Football Club. ‘After School’ clubs include netball, football and cricket. There is an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which forms a link between the families and the school, and which organises and runs fund raising activities.

Parking is a problem as many children are brought to school by car. The road through the village is very congested at peak times during the morning and afternoon delivery and collection of children. A dedicated traffic controller is present to aid parents and children crossing the road at these times. There is no suitable area of land to dedicate to a car park for the school. The school is currently working with the Local Authority to improve road safety and establish safer routes to school via the Travel Plan.

Desired Action	Desired Outcomes
<p>It is important that the school is supported by the local community and Parish Council, and continues to grow and be well maintained. Village children should be given priority when places are allocated. Additional financing would be welcomed as the budgets are always very tight. PTA fund raising should be for ‘extras’ not ‘essentials’ which should be provided for by the Local Authorities.</p> <p>Better links need to be made between the school and the Parish Council to enhance the school as an important part of the community, and to promote safer routes to school. These links, probably via Community Governors and Parish Councillors, should be able to form a ‘two way’ communication process keeping both groups informed of the others’ actions as appropriate.</p>	<p>The School to continue to be well maintained and a source of pride for the village. All local children of suitable age to have the possibility of attending the village school.</p> <p>More money to be made available from the Local Authorities for better resources.</p> <p>All children and parents to walk safely to school if they live close to the village.</p> <p>Strong links forged between the Head Teacher, School Governors, and Parish Council to enable all to keep abreast of current developments and work together as appropriate.</p>

4. Future Activities

This Parish Plan will be held by the Clerk to the Parish Council and will be regularly revisited to ensure the actions and outcomes are implemented. It is considered to be a 'living' document which will change and evolve over time as the 'needs, wants and desires' of the parishioners change, and may need to be updated and amended every 3-5 years.

Bath and North East Somerset Council will be made aware by the Clerk to the Parish Council that Clutton has a Parish Plan, and that it should be taken into account when future developments relating to the parish are under consideration by BANES or any other organisation.

The Parish Plan has been drawn up as a result of wide consultation with the parishioners over several years to determine their views. It will be available for any parishioner to read upon request via the Clutton website, or by hard copy available from the Clerk.

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