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INTRODUCTION

This is a summary of the full report produced after the meeting of the Village Plan Implementation Sub Committee held on 15th November.

HOUSING:

In view of recent concerns I thought it would be useful to reproduce this section in full:

The Housing Needs Survey indicated need for 18 affordable houses. Local Landowners were contacted via Newsletter, Web site and some personal contact to try to identify an exception site. A site was identified on Cotons Field by a developer. However at a subsequent Parish Council meeting several local residents expressed concerns and the PC decided to ask the Planning Officer and Housing Association to walk around the village in an attempt to identify other sites.

Further sites, including Church Farm, were identified during a Walkabout with Schuyler Newstead and Andy Chapman (Housing Association). Nothing more was heard until September when another walkabout took place and the same sites were revisited.

This meeting coincided with the publication of the results of a survey by SCDC in which landowners were asked to identify sites which could be available for housing. 3 sites had been put forward namely Searles Meadow, Warrington Farm and Cotons Field. None of these were within the Planning Line and one is in Green belt.

Note:

1. This village is classed as a Group village meaning that up to 8 dwellings are permitted on any one site *within the village envelope* (although up to 15 dwellings may be permitted on a brownfield site).
2. The consensus of the village as expressed in the village plan is that “no large or significant expansion is needed.....there is strong support for affordable/social housing”.

Action:

Members of the Parish Council would like clarification from District Councillors and the Planning Department on the plans for affordable housing in the village and their objections to the Church Farm proposals. Meeting to be requested.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

A14 Plans cancelled by the incoming government. Since the meeting there would appear to be plans for widening of the A14 including Girton interchange. The Parish Council will continue to lobby for the prevention of large vehicles travelling through the village.

Concerns by residents about Speeding on Scotland Road; Speedwatch has been established and Plans for Traffic Calming awaited from the speed watch group.

Flooding on Madingley Road and Oakington road unaddressed and the *PC will contact Highways and Environment Agency.*

SAFER CYCLING

BHDDMadCycle Group continue to discuss off road cycle path from Dry Drayton to Coton. Current efforts centre round linking into the NW Cambridge Plans. This at best will help cyclists between Madingly and Coton cross roads. Plans for the off-road path between Dry Drayton and Madingly seem to be at a standstill. With the new plans for the A14 there may be a chance to upgrade and extend the Oakington Road “Path to Nowhere” to make the Guided Busway more accessible.

PC consult with County Councillor and CPALC

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Footpath Map has been produced and distributed to all households.

We remain Members of Parish Path Partnership; however with the financial cutbacks it is still not clear what funds will be available for footpath work.

Work on Long Lane and Butchers Lane completed.

Drainage on Butchers Lane to take place during the next few months.

Plan; to arrange meeting of interested parties to Address any issues i.e. Footpath Interest Group (FIG)

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity Plan - Survey being completed

No Progress on Village Green or Nature reserve

Grass cutting: New Contract for three years with present contractor. Discussions taking place to allow survey of what wildflowers might be present which might benefit from modified cutting. Similar plan proposed to Church Wardens.

Planting of additional trees or bulbs. No plan, but we may look at a planting of a commemorative tree for the Queen's Jubilee

Litter - Voluntary Scheme - Seems adequate and effective

Benches – There seems little demand for extra benches

Flooding: there is an increased risk of flooding along Madingley Road, where Callow Brook is blocked. There is also an area of Oakington Road that has a tendency to flood.

PC to contact Highways dept

SUSTAINABILITY

Green Group continues to be very active. An advice leaflet was recently produced and there are regular updates in the Newsletter

They are Members of SPEP,

Electricity meters are available

Recycling done by SCDC and local initiatives. E.g. Light bulbs

Village Hall investigating Solar Panels but found not to be worth it

PC looking at Community wind turbine at Scotland Farm

RECREATION AND SPORT

Allotments Warden not keen for new development. No land available

Childrens Playground. No site identified. May be part of Affordable Housing development.

Existing facilities in School and Little Owl.

Rec Field: School still allowing access out of school hours and the Governors have plans to extend the all-weather area

Multi Sports facility: in the absence of any land available, there has been no progress.

Neil Harris has reported an increase in the use of the school field in the last year to the extent that the surface is beginning to suffer.

Scottie Hawkes reported that due to the generosity of St Giles, Freaky Friday were able to use the field during the summer

PC to discuss with CPALC

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Village Hall : No plans to extend or move. Cyber cafe rejected by Village Hall Committee.

School community facilities: Security Problems preclude this.

Little Owl has been refurbished.

Pub Reopened and continues to function.

S&VA continues to flourish and have acquired a fine new Marquee

Church Toilet open and refurbishment continues

TRANSPORT

Bus Service unchanged following review by CCC

No plans for P&R Shuttle

Car Sharing There is a voluntary scheme who offer lifts to Cambridge and surgeries etc and the Hardwick Scheme is available to Dry Drayton residents

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Policing has improved with a dedicated PCSO for the village with good links to the Neighbourhood Police team

Neighbourhood Watch continue to be active and have good liaison with the police.

Street lights are to be replaced by CCC

CCTV No further

We need to take part in the Consultation on Streetlighting

CCTV – discuss with Neighbourhood Watch

Encourage those with internet access to join ecops

HEALTH

First Responders. No Takers

First Aid Training Funds set aside. Freaky Friday have organised a couple of sessions for the New Year.

Defibrillator Reassess Need after first aid training

Central point for Medicine Collections. It has not been possible to identify a secure storage area or individual to "staff" it. Try newsletter article to assess need.

Care call Scheme

Keep Fit Pilates and Sitting exercises continue to take place.

Article in Newsletter to ask for opinions re above

EDUCATION

School Roll Good - very vibrant

Pre-School, After-School and Toddler Groups -No known problems

YOUTH

Freaky Friday flourishing

Covered Area in School Field is part of School development Plan

BUSINESS

Encouragement for local business to be involved in local events. Encouraging involvement recently

Need to progress – Who?

PARISH COUNCIL

Now has new Clerk and Chairman and 2 new members. Communication to all members is now possible by email. Minutes and Agendas are put on the Village Web Site. Regular articles in Newsletter.

Nick Irish