

Parish Plan Report to Parish Council

21.11.19

Following three meetings of the working party the following was discussed and decided:

1. Highways and traffic issues were clearly a priority for the village so a proposal is put forward that a separate working party is created from interested councillors to have a specific focus on this. Their work could include expansion and development of previous investigations and engaging the public in finding solutions. This activity has already been initiated by the Council in line with Guy MaGregor's work. Research would also need to be carried out pertaining to similar rural areas and their solutions. The Parish Plan will work with the group where needed.
 2. A consideration took place of progress in each of the PIIP's action plan and it was noted the original survey from the gym and swimming pool needs chasing in order to complete the original research.
 3. It was agreed that a public meeting was necessary to encourage a wider team of volunteers to work within the 'Clusters' identified from the NP and PIIP. The first suggestion of Clusters are:
 - The Next Generation
 - All Saints Church and The Baptist Church
 - Community Facilities
 - Sports and Leisure
 - Highways (see comments above)
 - Community Organisations
 4. The role of the Parish Council is seen to be that of Co-ordinator encouraging different groups to form small projects around the Clusters. There will be overlap but that will be advantageous in building collaboration between groups and organisations. The key words for engagement in the Parish Plan are:
 - To share
 - To facilitate
 - To support
 - To improve
- The aim is for small groups to be creative with suggestions for future actions in the village to meet the requests from residents with the Parish Council assisting where and however possible. This does not necessarily mean awarding finance as this is limited but to help with skills, time and involvement.
5. It is suggested that the launch of the Parish Plan is simultaneous with the Annual Parish Meeting giving the latter an overhaul of presentation. The notion is that this event becomes an active social event giving organisations and groups an opportunity to showcase their activities rather than passively inform the audience. An example of how a cross-cluster project would work could be demonstrated at the event. This might be 'Cycle Welcome' Stradbroke that highlights The Next Generation, Highways, Sports and Leisure, Community Facilities and engages a wide demographic representation of the village. Carefully prepared, this could spur others to adopt other community projects leading out from the NP and PIIP.
 6. Scoping of the timescale for the Parish Plan will be the subject of the next Working Party meeting.