

Stradbroke Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is a community-led initiative that sets out a vision for the future of the village and outlines, in an action plan, how this can be achieved. Everyone is encouraged to be involved in thinking about the needs and aspirations of the village and the results are fed into a comprehensive plan. This might include tasks that volunteers can undertake themselves or schemes that require partnership working and grant funding. The Parish Plan will encompass and build upon the existing Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP).

A Parish Plan differs from a Neighbourhood Plan being a more 'holistic' approach to social, economic and environmental issues, and focuses on more than planning-related issues.

A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years and importantly it reflects the views of all sections of the community. The plan defines which features and local characteristics people value, identifies local problems and opportunities, spells out how residents want the community to develop in the future and prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision. In this way it is the natural next step now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed.

The Parish Plan establishes a comprehensive action plan leading out from the Neighbourhood Plan and PIIP to deliver the vision. This includes all policies, decisions and actions, who is going to do the work and when. Just as the vision is created from a village-wide input, the action plan would also be undertaken by a broad cross section of the community.

One of the benefits of a Parish Plan is that it encourages the community to come together and take ownership of the future of the village. It can build bridges between different parts of the community and establish a strong and lasting spirit of unity.

Proposed Next Steps

1. Invite all residents to a meeting at which a proposal to establish a plan will be presented
2. Invite volunteers to join the team and help organise an action plan.
3. Revisit both the Neighbourhood Plan Survey and the PIIP audits
4. Set up a series of focus groups to discuss and identify the issues that need to be addressed
5. Carry out a village wide survey to define the priorities for the action plan
6. Prepare a draft action plan for public consultation

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