

Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone Community - Led Plan

Community Led Plan: Actions monitoring by Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone CLP action list with priorities, target dates and progress to date – final report: June 2018

Key: UPC: Uffington Parish Council. BPM / WPM: Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone.

Notes:

1. From the Chair of Woolstone PM on 25/02/2018: Since so many of the action points concern Uffington only, we have taken our own independent approach to what remains. We have reviewed the list at every parish meeting since you established the list and, although there are a couple of items we feel we should keep under review for a few years, we have just about reached the point where I think we do not need to look at it any more. We have our own updated list, based on your original model.
2. From the Chair of Baulking PM on 26/02/2018: Thank you for the email, and perhaps more importantly for the work done by you, and other Uffington PC members, in following through on the majority of the CLP matters. As you say, it is Uffington-centric, to a great degree, but this does not mean that Baulking residents have not benefited from, a number of the follow up items. Our Parish Meeting is due at the end of April, so timing is ideal to update the community, and bring closure to the CLP actions.
3. **CLOSURE. We (that is, the three villages which commissioned the CLP) see our responsibilities for the actions and tasks which arose from the CLP as complete. It was a very useful initiative which had support from the majority of residents in all three villages and led to a number of important actions and improvements, including amongst other things, to the Neighbourhood Plan; see below for a report on all the Actions which arose from the CLP. We are NOT however saying that the CLP should be filed away and forgotten. There is always potential for further improvements to village life. Should anybody wish to step forward, individually or by forming a 'steering group' of some sort, Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone will be happy to consider any constructive ideas for support.**

Item	Action	Priority	Target date	Progress
2.1	Transfer lists of volunteers to the relevant organisation, namely: Good Neighbour scheme, Community garden, Parish Councillor, Parish Council, Floods and Field Group, School, Neighbourhood Watch, First responder, White Horse Show, Community Minibus. Response: Lists transferred.	1	August 2015	CLOSED.
8.1	CLP to pass responses (tick boxes and comments) to the pubs. ----- Response: Responses passed.	1	August 2015	CLOSED,
8.2	CLP to pass responses (tick boxes and comments) to the Uffington Shop. Response:	1	August 2015	CLOSED.

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	Responses passed.			
9.1	Advise the THMH Management Committee of the responses and, as with other community activities, try to identify new initiatives and people to run them.	1	August 2015	CLOSED,
	Response: THMH Committee informed.			
9.2	Advise the Museum Curator of these observations.	1	August 2015	CLOSED.
	Response: Curator advised.			
9.4	Advise the St Mary's Parochial Church Council of results. (Note that by the time this Report is circulated a new Vicar will have taken up his post. His arrival will undoubtedly prompt a review of the pattern of services within the Benefice.)	1	August 2015	CLOSED.
	Response: PCC advised.			
9.5	Advise Messy Church organiser of the responses.	1	August 2015	CLOSED,
	Response: Organiser advised.			
6.1	PC/PMs to work with local government to address pot hole issues, specifically reviewing the Fawler Road area through Fawler, but also considering all roads in the parishes.	3	January 2016	CLOSED
	Response: OCC and VOWHDC agree that most effective method is that complaints should be made by individuals to: http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ Note: The hill on Fawler Road, between Fawler and Kingston Lisle, is not in the CLP area.			
3.1	PC/PMs to address communications within villages for new residents including specific consideration of a welcome pack and to consider how to provide better 'what's on' updates to residents, using email and improvements to the village websites as preferred media.	6	April 2016	CLOSED
	Response:			

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome pack agreed and in use. E-mail circulations in place for all three villages. New contacts for Uffington list to be sent to sjmjenkins@gmail.com 2. Baulking. All residents are on line. 3. Woolstone: The Directory was updated and circulated; a new email list and a mechanism for paper circulation of the 10 households without email have both been established. 4. New Uffington village website was launched on 8/1/2016, at: http://www.uffington.net/ 			
9.3	<p>Work with the churches to consider multi-faith services and wider diversity in use of the churches to better encourage congregation membership.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Passed to Rev J Goulston for consideration. (25/1/2016).</p>	4	October 2016	CLOSED
3.3	<p>PC/PMs to consider organising or co-ordinating an outdoor concert or village picnic for all 3 villages.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Queen's 90th birthday on 12 June 2016 was adopted as a suitable opportunity for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone and Shellingford to combine with a village picnic and games from 12.00 noon on the Jubilee Field. This was preceded by a benefice church service.</p>	13	January 2017	CLOSED
5.2	<p>PC/PMs to initiate a Neighbourhood Plan ('NP') to address future housing development in the three villages; to consider the Local Plan and Conservation Area policies as well as design guidance to determine what additional local policies are needed on the location, size and appearance of new buildings and extensions within Conservation Areas giving attention to the impact on the character of the villages; to review the current Conservation Areas to ensure that all appropriate areas and buildings are included and that there is an up-to-date appraisal supporting each conservation area; the NP also to include other appropriate themes such as infrastructure, transport, economy, heritage, green spaces etc.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The responsibility for creating a Neighbourhood Plan was handed over to Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone, who appointed an NP Steering Group ('SG'), in the autumn of 2015.</p> <p>The NP area was designated by VOWHDC for Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone, and the SG held a public launch and initial consultation on 21/1/2016. Woolstone withdrew from the NP following a consultation within the Parish on 10/11/2016, and a new NP comprising Uffington and Baulking was designated by VOWHDC on 03/03/2017. Records of all the meetings, papers, evidence gathered, consultations and drafts for the NP are on the NPSG website, at: http://www.ubwnp.net/</p>	2	August 2017	CLOSED (as regards the CLP)
10.1	PC/PMs to liaise with BT Open Reach and local government to drive through as soon as possible the broadband	4	February 2016	CLOSED.

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	<p>improvements expected and to seek improvements in mobile phone reception by liaison with mobile phone providers.</p> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super-fast broadband available in Uffington from mid-2017. • Baulking is partially connected - balance of the village is due for connection by the end of 2018 • Woolstone. Although we have a new cabinet and it has been live since 2017, we are still subject to dropout • Mobile phone reception has improved to the extent that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is not concerned with this as an issue. 			
6.2	<p>PC/PMs to consider speed restriction on all roads within the parishes, specifically considering 20mph zones and speed chicanes as preventative measures.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>A range of measures have been considered by Uffington Parish Council. Initially, OCC Highways refreshed the 30mph roundels (in red tarmac) on 4 approach roads into Uffington. A speed survey by OCC Highways in July 2016 showed that speeding (i.e. travelling at more than 30 mph) was not an issue in the area of the Village Hall / Shop and on High St, but there were significant speeding issues on Fawler Road, both entering and exiting the village. Police were notified. In January 2018, the Parish Council installed a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the Fawler Road entering Uffington; this lights up if the approaching vehicle is exceeding 30 mph.</p> <p>Other issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PC noted that there is already a 20 mph limit on Broad St when the school warning lights are illuminated; consideration was given to requesting more 20 mph zones but this would involve a long and expensive consultation, does not appear to be required, and would not be policed anyway, so decided that this could not be justified. • Speed chicanes require street lighting and create noise in residential areas; they have to be wide enough for large agricultural vehicles and therefore are not an obstacle to most cars. Accordingly, it was decided not to progress this idea. <p>Baulking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to reduce the speed limit on Baulking Lane between the two Parish boundary signs, from 60 mph have failed, as there is no record of accidents/injuries to justify this. • Agreement has been reached via OCC / Network Rail, to improve signage and a re-paint of the road markings leading up to the railway bridge in both directions. This will be done after the safety steel work has been completed (c. April 2018). <p>Woolstone. Speeding on Woolstone Road to be kept under review.</p>	5	September 2016	CLOSED.
4.3	<p>PC/PMs to initiate action to create new loop walks and bridleways around the parish, specifically considering</p>	6	September	CLOSED.

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	<p>working with local land owners and government to look at reopening the tow path of the Wilts & Berks Canal, and to arrange for maps of footpaths to be more accessible.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The PC decided that Uffington Parish is well endowed with footpaths, bridle ways and other tracks which are accessible to the public, and noted that there is already a Trust working on the restoration of the Wilts & Berks Canal. If you wish to join see: https://www.wbct.org.uk/get-involved/join-the-trust</p> <p>The Public Art project, the Uffington Village Trail, in which the PC worked with VOWHDC and Greenspace Designs Ltd, utilising S106 funds, was opened in October 2017, with the installation of the lectern on the Jubilee Field and information posts at historic places around the village. As part of this project, a village trail leaflet, including a map of the central part of the village, and an improved footpath map have been created. These are available at the lectern on the Jubilee Field, in the Shop and in the Information Point (former telephone box by St Mary's Church.) The new footpath maps are available in the village website, here: http://www.uffington.net/visitor-info/local-walks/</p>		2016	
6.3	<p>PC/PMs to work with local government and bus companies to improve both frequency and range of destinations that services cover, specifically considering Oxford as a destination and provision of evening services. Longer term PC/PMs to undertake an analysis of potential transport needs of residents over the next 15 years and explore communal solutions to fulfilling these needs.</p> <p>Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subsidies for rural buses were removed by OCC in July 2016 and the 67 bus was withdrawn on 23/7/2016. The UBW Community minibus has laid on an additional trip to Wantage each week and is picking up passengers in local villages en-route. 2. For those who need transport out of the village apart from the UBW minibus, the following have been advertised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfordshire Wheels 2 Work provides affordable scooter rental to individuals to enable them to get to places of employment, education or training; To find out more information visit the website www.oxfordshirewheels2work.co.uk or call 01235 797474 and ask to speak with Paddy Tyson. Or send them an email at admin@oxfordshirewheels2work.co.uk • If you are interested in sharing transport, there is a county-wide lift share scheme which offers a matching service for people (over the age of 18) who live, work and travel in and around Oxfordshire. The site matches people up with potential partners as either a driver or a passenger. Once matched, people can choose to lift share as little or as often as they like. The scheme is only available via the internet and the link to the site is: https://oxfordshire.liftshare.com/ 	7	February 2018	CLOSED
7.1	<p>PC/PMs to work with school governors to make a phased plan for addressing the parking issues and extending the school so that it can take more children when necessary due to planned future development.</p> <p>Response:</p>	8	June 2016	CLOSED

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking. The yellow zig-zag lines outside the School have been refreshed, and a single white line has been painted (to deter dangerous parking) from the Museum corner, past Church Cottage to the Church access gate. Police view is that this is a matter for the School and further advice was provided in April 2018; patrol cars may attend from time to time. 2. School Governors reactivated the School warning lights in two positions on Broad St, including with advisory 20 mph limit signs, in November 2016. 3. Extending the school is a matter for School and OCC, whose view (May 2016) is that there is no need for additional places. <p>Both issues to be kept under review between the School and the PC.</p>			
12.1	<p>PC/PMs to set up a working group to liaise with local NHS to consider how better to provide healthcare support for elderly at home.</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p> <p>This is quite complicated, as it is closely connected to national issues on the structure and funding of the NHS, and we have therefore taken advice from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which supports GP surgeries in Wantage and Faringdon. The foreword to the Locality Place Based Primary Care Plan for South West Oxfordshire Locality, which includes the medical practices in Faringdon and Wantage, starts with:</p> <p><i>'It is a challenging time for our local NHS: public spending has not kept pace with growing demand for NHS services; there are shortages of qualified staff at every level of the health and social care system; population growth in South West Oxfordshire is set to accelerate over the next 10 years. These challenges are the context for our drive for better quality and safety of patient services Our aim of continuing to deliver primary care services close to home can only be met by a plan which addresses each of these local populations according to their unique needs. However, it is clear that not all primary care services can or should be reproduced independently in each town and village. GPs and our colleagues in the community healthcare system therefore seek to retain the local strengths of what we have now, while moving positively towards far greater integration and cooperation between services. We cannot afford to miss any opportunities to reduce duplication of work, share expertise and information, and use technology to communicate more effectively with patients and each other.'</i></p> <p>We have been notified that the CCGs are working closely with partners across the health and social care system to address local concerns; this work is mainly looking at developing a 'frailty' pathway, and is in its early stages at present (April 2018). The systems and procedures with which we are all currently familiar may change, but CCG's are working to provide the appropriate level of medical support to all residents, including the increasing population, as well as the increasing number of elderly people.</p> <p>We have particularly been assured that the District Nurses and GP's will visit patients at home according to need, and put support in as required to aid the elderly and housebound population. For those unable to get to GP or hospital appointments under their own arrangements, please remember the UBW Minibus; the bus goes to Wantage twice a week and Faringdon once. If you have not joined the UBW Minibus Association you can call</p>	9	Nov 2017	CLOSED

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	<p>John Hatcher on 01367 820417. (Membership is free and bus passes can be used).</p> <p>In summary, we feel that all three villages are of a size that people know and look after each other, in effective but informal 'good neighbour' arrangements. So we do not feel at present that there is much more that we can do, other than to say to all residents that if you need help, you should ask; the Parish Council / Parish Meetings will do all they can to help.</p> <p>Woolstone: we view this Action as closed, on the grounds of patient confidentiality, and have adopted the policy of looking out for neighbours.</p>			
3.2	<p>PC/PMs to appoint a good neighbour coordinator to liaise with the Oxfordshire Community Information Network, to address some of the needs of the elderly.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>A public meeting was held on 27/10/2015, with a follow-up article in Winter 2015/16 Courier, to establish if there was any interest in the village; a reminder was circulated on 10/2/16 and a final reminder was placed in the Spring 2016 Courier. Open to all three villages, but there was no interest in setting up a local Good Neighbour Scheme.</p> <p>The needs of the elderly are to be explored further, under 12.1 above.</p>	10	March 2016	CLOSED.
4.2	<p>PC/PMs to initiate analysis and action plan (with experts) of what further improvements to the ditches and streams can be achieved and what advice given to householders in particular locations.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The Parish Council view is that the ditches and streams conducting water around and away from the village work well, providing that they are properly maintained. Regular reminders are placed in the Courier that this is the responsibility of riparian landowners, and that assistance may be sought from the Parish Council if required. All ditches and streams are checked during and after spells of heavy rain, to remove any blockages. With the assistance of volunteers, the Parish Council is responsible for certain stretches of ditches.</p> <p>It is therefore felt that no further action is required in Uffington (March 2018) but the Parish Council would re-open this issue if it became necessary.</p> <p>Woolstone: This remains under review re clearance of ditches on Marsh Way.</p>	10	February 2017	CLOSED
11.1	<p>PC/PMs to co-ordinate a better and more comprehensive business services directory, standalone from the current provision through the Courier and the village website.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The new village website has a greatly improved list of Local Businesses, and the Courier includes a "Classified" section. The accuracy of both depends on changes / updates being notified to the Parish Council.</p>	11	October 2016	CLOSED.

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4.4	<p>PC to consider suggested changes and additions to play area focussing specifically on provision of more adventurous equipment for older children, ensuring a robust maintenance plan is in place. Also to consider provision of football goals at the Jubilee Field.</p> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two x Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA) were installed on the Jubilee Field in November 2016. • Further improvements were made to the children's play area in 2017, with three new pieces of equipment replacing the older wooden ones (thought to be 25+ years old). <p>Both of these were funded by a combination of S106 contributions from the Jacksmeadow development, and grants from VOWHDC and the White Horse Show Trust.</p>	12	June 2017	CLOSED.
4.1	<p>PC/PMs to initiate a tree planting scheme which could include a funding mechanism for planting on private land, specifically considering the Jubilee Field, but also including other areas.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The Parish Council instructed a professional survey of all trees in its ownership, which was completed in early 2017. This identified that the Parish Council owns c300 trees, mainly around the Jubilee Field, with a few in Craven Common and the burial ground. It was decided that further planting of trees on Parish Council property was not required, but consideration could be given in the future should there be any applications for funds from the S106 agreement for the Jacksmeadow development.</p>	12	September 2017	CLOSED
5.1	<p>PC/PMs to encourage new business operations at the Uffington Trading Estate (located in Baulking Parish) , pressing the appropriate authorities accordingly, and to investigate how the parishes could create better facilities for local businesses.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This action has been taken up by the Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. (See the report at Item 5.2 above).</p>	13	July 2017	CLOSED.
4.5	<p>PC and /or Village Hall Committee to consider opening toilets to the public.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The Shop has agreed to make their toilet facilities available to visitors to the village who are in need. The Parish Council will review any cost implications with the Shop after a trial period.</p>	14	March 2017	CLOSED.