

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Parish Plan Update

The Parish plan is a 5 year plan which was prepared and published in 2015 and contained a number of recommended actions – for the short, medium and long term. This paper summaries the current position on the plan. All the requested actions have been considered and significant progress has been made however there does remain some outstanding work which is now all of an ongoing business as usual nature.

The outstanding/ongoing work can be categorised as:

Communication or parish and council activities via the website, the noticeboard and the newsletter.

Highways (including footpaths) – maintaining the highways (including footpaths) in a good state of repair.

Mobile/Broadband reception – seeking to improve broadband access and mobile reception.

Countryside warden roles – filling the outstanding vacancies

All these activities are dealt with as business as usual activities and discussed at every council meeting. As such there is no need to have a specific item relating to this parish plan.

There is a separate discussion needed to identify if any specific work should take place over and above the current plan when the timeframe for the current plan has been completed. This will be looked at by the council during 2019.

For completeness the appendix contains details of all the specific actions identified in the plan and is split into two sections:

1. Actions completed or closed with no further action planned.
2. Actions that are now being progressed as on-going business as usual activity.

Appendix

Section 1 - Actions completed or closed with no further action planned.

Action	Update	Ongoing/Further work
To contact Welborne Village Hall events committee to inform them of the lack of knowledge of their activities by the residents of Brandon Parva, Coston and Runhall.	Done.	None.
To contact the County Council to ascertain the possibility of a regular bus service from Welborne to Wymondham, Dereham and Norwich (or other destinations).	Done – County Council have said this is not feasible.	None.
To include in the next newsletter a request for specific information concerning missing, damaged and vandalised road signs.	Done – information received passed on to highways.	None.
To include in the next newsletter a request for anyone with, or thinking of making available, property for rental to contact the Parish Council.	Done in 2015 and 2016 with no response.	None.
In the light of the survey results and also possible changes to All Saints Church, Welborne, to contact the P.C.C. to inform them that some Welborne residents would like to receive further dissemination of the Church's activities.	Done.	None.
To investigate the possibility of acquiring land for Parish use and later ascertain for what activities this could be used.	Done – None available.	None.
To look into the possibility of establishing a new play area in Welborne.	Done – agreed not feasible.	None.
To look into the possibility of establishing a Parish youth club and an under 2s toddlers group.	Done – can be picked up under community based groups if someone wants to lead it.	None.
To investigate the viability of an electricity bulk buying scheme	No specific interest raised on this.	None.
To ask the County Council to review the schools catchment area for Welborne Residents.	Done – no response received.	None.
To look into the possibility of a Community Wind Turbine.	No specific interest raised on this.	None.
To ask South Norfolk Council to consider sending out to new residents via Council Tax	SNC can only send out standard information across their district.	None.

notification, important, necessary etc. Parish information.		
To attempt to solve the problem of parking in Welborne by the Village Hall and Church.	Done - no additional land available; Parking problems could be helped as possible to use adjoining field with permission from local farmer	None

Section 2 - Actions that are being progressed as business as usual.

Action	Update	Ongoing/Further work
Publish and distribute a list of and contact details of Parish Councillors and relevant District and County Councillors.	Done via Newsletter, website.	Keep website up to date, continue to include details in Newsletter and use Noticeboards as appropriate.
To make all residents more aware of the Parish Council website and what information is included on it.	Done via Newsletter, and advertised on 'streetlife'	Continue to promote via Newsletter and Noticeboards.
To contact the Chief Constable to request a heightened Police presence throughout the Parish on an ad hoc basis.	Done – police presentation at 2015 annual meeting.	Continue to have regular contact with police. Details of police website giving updates on this parish published in Newsletter.
To contact the Ramblers Association to ask for a meeting to discuss issues with our footpaths.	Done – the requirement for footpath wardens identified.	Fill the vacancies for footpath wardens.
To undertake to make residents more aware of how Parish Council money is received and how it is spent, including publishing annual accounts.	Done – details put on website.	Continue to publish annual accounts.
To look further into the establishment of community-based groups.	Done via Newsletter and website including the identification of grant opportunities. Two groups have been subsequently set up.	Maintain awareness via website, newsletter and noticeboards as appropriate.
To ask for volunteers to be Footpath Wardens - to monitor the on-going condition of our footpaths throughout the Parish and advise the Parish Council when action is required.	Done – One person has taken on the role in Runhall, vacancies exist in the other villages.	Continue to ask for volunteers through the newsletter and the website. Role to be documented by person actually doing it so we can be clearer on what it involves. Consider renaming as " <i>countryside warden</i> " and include the Hedge Warden activity.

To ask for volunteers to be Hedge Wardens - to monitor the on-going condition of our hedges throughout the Parish and advise the Parish Council when action is required.	Done – no volunteers to date.	Continue to ask for volunteers through the newsletter and the website. Consider renaming as “ <i>countryside warden</i> ” and include the Footpath Warden activity.
To advise the County Council about flooding and the poor state of ditches in many parts of the Parish.	Done – discussed with highways engineer Bob West.	Monitor progress made by highways and raise again if necessary.
To look into the possibility of the provision of extra transmitters for mobile phone networks in order to improve our poor reception.	Mobile service is the responsibility of the individual providers. Improved Broadband is being driven forward by both the County and District Councils.	Continue to work with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk District council on improving Broadband.
To inform Highways of residents’ concerns about speeding throughout the Parish, especially in the light of a total lack of pavements and street lights – especially mentioned was the road from Mattishall through to Barnham Broom.	Raised with highways on a number of occasions.	Continue to raise with Bob West (Highways).
To contact Highways to inform them of the high level of complaints re. footpaths throughout the Parish.	Done – discussed with highways engineer Bob West.	Monitor progress made by highways and raise again if necessary.

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