

Agenda Item 7

Community Initiatives

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Report

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Parish/Ward/Town Plan Endorsement

1. Report Summary:

Durrington has submitted their completed Plan for endorsement by the Northern Area Committee.

Please click on this link to see a copy of the Parish Plan:-

http://crc.rocktimeweb.net/Uploads/Durrington-Parish-Plan-2006-2016_FileFile_FILE1498.pdf

Salisbury District Council has validated the plan on the grounds that the required Parish Plan Validation criteria have been reached and recommend that Northern Area Committee endorse the Plan as outlined below.

2. Context

Parish Plans emerged as a structured community planning mechanism in the November 2000 Rural White Paper "Our Countryside – The Future" which set out the Government's plans for the countryside. In preceding years' initiatives such as village appraisals and village design statements had demonstrated the value in whole communities coming together to set out their vision and ways of achieving it. Parish Plans began to emerge from this process and the idea was developed and championed by the Countryside Agency under their Vital Villages programme until 2005 when the responsibility was passed over to DEFRA.

The principal purpose of parish and town plans is to:

"... set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard for the future. Plans should ...identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved."



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Parish Plans are an important mechanism enabling local voices to state the needs of the community. It is hoped that greater consideration will be given to these plans when decisions regarding new policies and strategies for the geographical area are being made.

3. Validation Process

The district council has put in place a voluntary quality assurance mechanism that is designed to guide communities towards preparing the types of Parish, Ward and Town Plans, which can have the maximum impact upon service providers.

The key components of the validation are that:

- It is voluntary, but if the simple guidelines are followed it can be assured that the plan is likely to be taken more seriously.
- It has involved more direct discussions with service providers ensuring expectations and reality are more closely matched
- The plan is better informed through the use of better information and techniques to underpin discussion within the community.
- It ensures that the action planning stage draws in a wide a spectrum of interests to help delivery

Durrington Parish Plan has been completed without the level of support from Salisbury District Council that would normally be made available. This is one of the earlier plans that was supported primarily by the Countryside Agency. Despite the lack of support this remains and example of a good plan.

Durrington Steering Group has identified potential partners. Some dialogue with these partners has taken place and an updated plan is included with this report reflecting this. It should also be noted that some local actions have already been completed which serves to demonstrate that Parish Plans provide evidence of need and consolidates local action.

The Validation Process ensures that a robust route has been taken when producing the plan, and that all members and key stakeholders within community have been consulted with. It is not about the contents, however, it ensures that they are realistic and deliverable

4. What does endorsement mean?

By endorsing the Plan, Northern Area Committee are recognising the value of the work the local community has put together in establishing the needs and aspirations of the community and demonstrates their commitment in recognising the democratic voice of that community. The Committee also agrees to take the Plan into consideration when making decisions regarding the community.

Other key partners have or will also be endorsing the Plan through the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance.

5. Recommendations.

- 1) Approve the plan for endorsement (on the basis that the process was comprehensive; the validation process does not make a judgement on the content or any form of commitment to actions from SDC or other agencies).

6. Implications:

- **Financial:** None
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** This process should allow the rights of individuals to be more openly represented.
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** None.
- **Environmental:** None.
- **Council's Core Values:** Parish plans will improve quality of life in the district by identifying key issues in each community and helping to address them.
- **Wards Affected:** Durrington

Durrington Community Action Plan 2005 – 2015

Vision	Action	Partner	Mitigation/Observation
Build more affordable housing to allow people to remain in their local community.	To influence the Local Plan to incorporate at least 30% affordable dwellings on all new developments	SDC	Part of the SDC Local Plan.
: An excellent road and pavement network in good safe, condition, where defects are promptly rectified	Promoting CLARENCE for reporting defects Conduct Survey of condition of roads and pavements and agree a prioritised timetable for repairs	WCC WCC SDC	Helpline (Clarence) exists therefore the PC can promote. Meetings already held some repairs completed and a programme is in place for pavements.
Adequate defined parking to allow access facilities within the Parish while alleviating parking problems in residential areas	Promote walk to school schemes with local schools. Consider the establishment of Residents parking. Parking enforcement to stop bad parking.	WCC Local Schools SDC Police	There is already a County scheme, which we are tapping into. Not unique to Durrington. To be included in scrutiny review currently being conducted by E&T. Already agreed with Amesbury station and the community beat team.

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Parish roads to be as safe as possible for all road users whether on foot or motorised transport	Establish a working group to consider traffic calming, 20mph speed zones and other safety measures as part of an integrated traffic management scheme	WCC SDC PC	Parish Council is to establish the work group which will then invite the stakeholders to participate.
Well lit roads, pavements and footpaths to ensure public safety and well being	Conduct a survey of street, pavement and footpath lighting	WCC SDC PC	Parish Council is to conduct survey then invite the stakeholders to participate.
Increase recreation land and facilities to exceed National guidelines	<p>New developments to include recreational planning gains for the local community</p> <p>Develop recreational facilities on Land identified in the Local Plan between the Pinkneys Estate and the A345.</p> <p><i>Note: The Parish Council signed a lease with the Land Owners in December 2005</i></p>	<p>SDC</p> <p>SDC</p>	<p>Part of existing SDC Local Plan.</p> <p>Completed – planning consent granted by SDC Park is in the process of development.</p>
Dedicated facilities for the younger community	<p>Develop a BMX Track</p> <p><i>Note: Land has been obtained under lease by the Parish Council for the development of a</i></p>		Completed

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	<p><i>BMX facility</i></p> <p>Conduct further research to consider the potential for developing youth facilities including a youth shelter, adventure and/or assault course and mini football pitches</p>	Now SDC and WCC	In progress with meetings held with WCC and discussions with SDC Planning about a section 106 agreement. Aim new youth club within 3 years.
A cinema club for the village	Mobile cinema scheme to be established by winter 2005		Completed
Professional support and guidance for the younger community	Introduce a dedicated youth worker.	Church groups The Bridge	Completed.
Improved access for all to a range of health services including dental services.	The primary care trust to implement government policy for dental services	PCT	This is National Government policy.
Library services suitable for the size of the community	Investigate the opportunities for enhancing the library service to include the potential for a coffee shop	WCC	Meeting has been held with WCC. Next meeting on 11 Jan 2007 – this is linked to the new youth club where it is intended to have a joint facility incorporating a coffee shop.
Residents to have access to	Ensure that the provisions of the	SDC	The local plan is policy not agreement

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a range of local retail facilities including non food outlets	local plan is implemented by SDC to prevent further erosion of retail outlets within the community through conversion to residential use		needed.
A community where people of all ages feel safe and are not intimidated, with regular uniformed police patrols on foot and in vehicles giving a visible law enforcement presence, and where criminal damage is minimal	<p>Explore the opportunity of a dedicated Police Community Support Officers for Durrington and for enhanced and targeted policing to reduce vandalism</p> <p>Investigate the potential for CCTV</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>SDC</p>	<p>Completed with Wiltshire Police – community beat team is operating.</p> <p>Scrutiny review has been completed.</p>