

Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council Action Plan

Background

This Action Plan has been produced following extensive consultation with the people of Stretton on Dunsmore through questionnaires and meetings as well as public feedback at Parish Council (PC) meetings.

Managing the Plan

This plan contains a large number of actions to be considered, investigated and in many cases actioned over the coming months and years. Some have already commenced and some have been postponed pending other work. It is a living document and will be maintained and updated through the normal business processes of the PC as follows:

- The PC will meet following adoption of the plan to
 - prioritise the activities that have been agreed and add dates to the plan.
 - appoint a councillor to oversee management of the plan (not the actions).
 - agree the day to day management of the plan.
- Thereafter, every PC meeting will review all outstanding actions scheduled for the forthcoming month and any new actions will be added to the plan.
- Completed or cancelled activities will be moved to a separate section of the plan to form a full record of the work carried out by the PC.
- Actions will only be closed when the PC has agreed that no further work or review is required.
- The action plan will be available for examination on the village website and on request from the clerk.
- The action plan will form part of the minutes of the PC.

Raising New Issues

Parishioners may raise new issues to the council

- At PC meetings.
- Corresponding by letter or e- mail with the clerk.
- Completing the form contained in the Parish Plan and returning it to the clerk.

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1. PARKING

1.1 The Village Centre

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost ¹	Status
1.1.1 Communication exercise. Initial actions to appeal to “better nature” rather than threat of legal action. Polite parking notices to bear the name and support of the PC.	Newsletter /Pendulum notice by PC as part of awareness campaign.	None	Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC.
	Notice to be issued to people renting hall/using church for a function asking those attending to park considerately.	Co-operation	Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC.
	Pubs, shops & businesses to display a courteous parking notice.	As above	Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC.
	Residents expecting large delivery vehicles/large farm vehicles to request the drivers to be careful and considerate and possibly request others to park in manner that would allow sufficient manoeuvrability.	As above	Low	PC to consider.
	Notices at entrances to village stating the status of considerate parking area.	Highways authority?	Medium	PC to consider.
	Encourage walking rather than driving if at all possible/ lift sharing e.g. to church, hall etc.	Include in notices	Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC.
	People to be advised of the legal position/duties and rights of parking and access.	Include in notices	Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC
1.1.2 Escalation if initial actions unsuccessful.	Inconvenience notices. Name and shame board.	Who would control?	Low	PC to consider.

¹ Best guesstimate based on Low = <£100, Medium = £101 - £1,000, High = £1,001 - £10,000, Very High = over £10,000

1.1 The Village Centre (cont.)

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
1.1.3 More car parking.	Car park in field near bus shelter in Brookside.	Cost /planning	High	PC to consider.
	Other small car park areas e.g. A resident has offered to sell some land for this purpose.	Availability	High	PC to consider.
	Triangle of common land ² opposite village hall to be re-designated as residents only parking and improved and repaired.	PC	Unknown	PC to consider.
1.1.4 Control/maximisation of existing parking.	Consideration of whether residents should be able to expect to park one or more cars within a reasonable distance of their own houses. Residents only parking for part of day/restricted parking for others outside this zone e.g. 30 minutes max.	Highways advice	Medium	Highways review. ³
1.1.5 Maximise use of existing parking.	Restrict access on middle bridge or outside 16 Brookside - to block the road from post office to Toadstool Cottage and discourage people from driving over village green.	Highways advice	Medium	Highways review
	Residents to be forewarned of forthcoming events so that they can take pre-emptive action e.g. bollards to protect from being blocked in during parties at hall, church weddings etc.	Co-operation/ organisation	Low	PC to consider.
	Pub to maximise use of its own car park.	Pub	Low	PC to consider.
	Alternative use of Doctor's surgery car park at night.	Doctor	Low	PC to consider.
1.1.6 Preventative measures.	Raised pavements/shorter posts/wooden posts on corner by bus stop.	Highways advice	Medium/ High	PC to consider.
	Ask Police for loan of "no parking" cones to place on corner.	Police	Low	PC to consider.
	Double yellow lines.	Highways authority	Medium	Not wanted by parishioners.

² The triangle of ground opposite the village hall is common ground and the three residents all had a legal obligation to obtain right of access before purchase of property could proceed.

³ Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways dept. are undertaking a countywide re-evaluation of speed and parking restrictions. Stretton's review to be completed in 2006.

1.1 The Village Centre (cont.)

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
	More discreet markings indicating no parking etc such as stones, badges etc.	Highways authority	Medium	Highways review.
	Legal action as last resort – within legal boundaries.	Legal position	High	PC to consider.
	Investigate potential to move bus stop(s) and create a pull- in.	Highways authority	High	PC to consider.

1.2 The Croft Close Area

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
1.2.1 Communication exercise.	Raise awareness of issue amongst residents and visitors Include in newsletter.		Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC
1.2.2 More car parking.	Croft Close – adapt grass space on Hill Crescent. Other spaces identified as possible parking areas.	Cost/ planning permission	High	PC to consider.
1.2.3 Control/maximisation of existing parking.	Street lighting outside garages to encourage more use.	RBC	Medium	PC to consider.
1.2.4 New vehicle entrance to the school from School Lane.	Control of school traffic.	Cost/ planning permission	High	Rejected by school
1.2.5 Pedestrian entrance in School Lane.		Cost/ planning permission	High	PC to consider.
1.2.6 Walking bus.		Co-operation	Low	No support at present

1.3 The Fosse Way & Meadow Close Area

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
1.3.1 Communication exercise.	Raise awareness of issue amongst residents and visitors by including in newsletter.		Low	Accepted and actioned by the PC

1.3 The Fosse Way & Meadow Close Area (cont.)

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
1.3.2 More car parking.	Meadow Close – more bays.	Cost/planning	High	PC to consider.
	Extend Fosse Way playing field parking area.	Cost/planning	High	PC to consider.
	Meadow Close – convert triangle to parking.	Cost/planning	High	PC to consider.
	Fosse Way more bays.	Cost/planning	High	PC to consider.
	Other spaces identified as possible parking areas e.g. the land offered by RBC in Meadow Close.	Cost/planning	High	RBC do not own land
1.3.3 Control/maximisation of existing parking.	Raised kerbs to prevent parking on pavement.	RBC	Medium	PC to consider.
	Mark out parking to optimise parking – Meadow Close.		Medium	PC to consider.
	Better control of parking on Fosse Way playing field and use of Doctor’s surgery car park as an overflow.	Doctor/villagers	Low	PC to consider.
	Collapsible bollards for Meadow Close cut through.		Medium	PC to consider.
	Residents parking on Brookside between Knob Hill and the Doctor’s surgery.	Highways authority	Medium	Highways review.
	Parking on Brookside should continue both for convenience and to calm the traffic.	Highways authority	Low	Highways review.

2 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

2.1 Bus Shelter Opposite Oak and Black Dog

Graffiti inside and litter around the bus shelter make the area unsightly and not nice to use.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.1.1 Organise young children from the parish to design a new interior for the bus shelter and allow them to paint it.	Create ownership amongst the young community. Repeat this process every 3 or 4 years to maintain ownership in subsequent age groups.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.1.2 Put litterbin and a notice board inside the bus shelter.	Even though there is a litterbin outside the bus shelter litter still tends to be dropped inside. Use the notice board for communication and education. Let the children have access to it to put up their own notices.	None	Low	PC to consider.

2.1 Bus Shelter Opposite Oak and Black Dog (cont.)

2.1.3 Regular cleaning, including removal of bird droppings.	Disease from bird droppings is a risk that should be taken seriously. Obtain advice on stopping swallows and house martins nesting inside the shelter.	None	Low	PC to consider.
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2.2 Dog Poo

There is an ongoing problem of dog poo being left on pavements, public footpaths and playing fields.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.2.1 Install dog poo bins by the stile on Coffin Walk in the Shoulder of Mutton car park, outside the village hall and on the public footpath at Five Acres.	These bins would cover two access areas used extensively by people walking their dogs.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
2.2.2 Leaflet every house in the village about the problem of dog poo, the potential diseases and the responsibility of all dog owners. Point out where dog poo bins are located and even explain how it can be picked up safely and easily in a plastic bag.	Educate people on the problem, how to solve it and what they can do about it.	None	Low	PC to consider.

2.3 Litter

Litter around the village green and in the brook is an ongoing problem. This litter primarily relates to sweets, smoking or empty cans/bottles.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.3.1 Install a litterbin immediately outside the village hall.	The village hall is focal point for people to gather so it would make sense to have a litterbin close by.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
2.3.2 Leaflet houses explaining the problem and asking people not to drop litter anywhere. Ask the school if they will help as part of any social responsibility training they do.	Educate all residents and try to educate youngsters early.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.3.3 Clear out the brook on a regular basis from Shoulder of Mutton to the Doctor's surgery.		None	Low	PC to consider.

2.3 Litter (cont.)

2.3.4 Litter picking morning around the whole village. Provide a small skip/open backed wagon to remove rubbish immediately.	Twice a year arrange for volunteers to spend a morning collecting litter from all round the village, not just the village green.	Is there a public liability insurance issue in this?	Medium	PC to consider.
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2.4 Hedge Alongside the Brook

The hedge along the whole of Brookside is unkempt and is starting to protrude across the brook and footpath. The height of this hedge is also a problem.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.4.1 Maintain the hedge on a regular basis so that it protrudes no further than the middle of the brook.	Absent owners may be reluctant to do this so it may be that RBC have to do it and charge the costs back to these owners.	Owners of the land	Low	PC to consider.
2.4.2 Work in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to maintain hedge.	Obtain owners permission to undertake on regular basis	Owners of the land	Medium	PC to consider.

2.5 Plott Lane and the Slangs

Plott Lane is one of the main routes into and out of the village and can, at times, be unsightly with litter and also overgrown with trees and bushes.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.5.1 Request RBC to maintain the roadside trees, hedges and brush on a regular basis.		RBC	Medium	PC to consider.
2.5.2 Include this area in any "litter picking" that is organised.	See 2.3 Litter.			PC to consider.
2.5.3 Ask RBC if clearing rubbish from this area can be part of their routine responsibility.		RBC	Medium	PC to consider.
2.5.4 Arrange for trees and bushes in the Slangs to be cut back and tidied.		PC	Medium	Accepted and actioned by the PC

2.6 Grass Cutting and Parking on Grass Verges

The standard of the grass cutting of the green areas around the village is very poor. Also cars parking with two (or more) wheels on the grass verge are creating large patches of bare soil where once there used to be grass.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.6.1 Get current grass cutters to improve the quality of the service or change the supplier.	There may be people in the village who, for the same money, would be prepared to undertake this maintenance and would take much more pride in the work.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.6.2 Raise the curbs around the village green or install wooden (or metal) posts at the kerbside to deter cars being parked on the grass.		None	High	PC to consider.
2.6.3 Convert the turning circle outside The Haven into a smaller raised flowerbed, possibly with a tree in the middle.	This is quite a tight circle and is not suitable for larger vehicles; even large 4x4's have difficulty getting around this without going over the grass. This is made worse if any cars are parked outside The Haven.	Need to discuss with the wider village and get more ideas and comment.	High	PC to consider.

2.7 Road Signs Not Always well Placed and Some are Looking Shabby

The centre of the village is not designed for large lorries to turn around, so the less they have to do this the better. This could be minimised by ensuring the road signs are clear and easily read by people visiting the village.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.7.1 Provision of a parish boundary sign to the east of village.	This has been requested by the Emergency Services.	Highways authority	Low	PC to consider.
2.7.2 Review all parish signs for positioning and identify those that could be removed, need to be moved, need repair or are not there and are required. Produce and implement a signage action plan.	Many signs are not in the most suitable place. Make sure road signs are clearly visible and legible from a driver's perspective. Improve directions by installing signs which say "Leading to...", "No Through Road", "Not Suitable for Large Vehicles" signs, etc.	PC/WCC	Medium	PC to consider.

2.8 Fly Posting

Fly Posting is an essential way for village organisations to advertise events. However there should be some rules established as to what is acceptable.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.8.1 Establish a set of “do’s and don’ts” for organisations.	The kind of thing would be: “No posting on trees/living structures”. “Only x days beforehand and remove within y days of the event.”	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.8.2 Via Pendulum or other circular communicate the “do’s and don’ts” and also ask people to remove posters that are not appropriate.		None	Low	PC to consider.

2.9 Fly Tipping and Car Dumping

This is quite a rare problem in the lanes around Stretton, however with current and planned legislation this problem could increase quite dramatically.

This is a self-perpetuating problem, people see rubbish and are quite likely to add to the pile. Therefore the quicker rubbish is removed the better it will be.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.9.1 Use Pendulum and the village website to inform people what to do and which numbers to call should they see rubbish or cars dumped.		None	Low	PC to consider.

2.10 Brook Maintenance

Whole of the brook and other village watercourses need to be maintained and protected.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.10.1 Get advice and produce a plan involving Parishioners and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.	Work in conjunction with the organisations that have the expertise to advise on how things should be done to protect this environment.	None	Low	PC to consider.

2.11 Flora and Fauna

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.11.1 Encourage maintenance and protection.	Work in conjunction with the organisations that have the expertise to advise on how things should be done to protect this environment.	None	Low	PC to consider.

2.12 Village Floral Displays

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.12.1 Plant more flowers, flowering shrubs or trees.	Some bulb planting has taken place. This initiative should be encouraged.	None	Low	PC to consider.

2.13 Lighting Appearance, Maintenance and Pollution

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.13.1 Policy on streetlights and lighting style.	Agree policy based on buildings in area.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.13.2 Problems with lighting are only reported on ad hoc basis.	Advise villagers how to report problems.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.13.3 Light pollution from some of the streetlights is excessive.	Review whether lights could be less intrusive and/or cut off at certain times.	None	Medium	PC to consider.

2.14 Street Furniture e.g. Waste Bins, Seats, Bus Shelters etc

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.14.1 Policy on style of street furniture.	Agree policy based on buildings in area.	None	Low	PC to consider.
2.14.2 Maintain railings along the brook.		None	Low	PC to consider.

2.15 Recycling

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
2.15.1 Obtain plastics recycling facility.		None	Low	PC to consider.

3 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

3.1 Public Footpaths

The Public Footpaths both within the village and in the surrounding countryside are an asset enjoyed by a considerable number of people. Therefore these should be maintained, signposted and publicised so that as many people as possible get the benefit from them.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.1.1 Identify a group within the village that is keen on walking who would be prepared to undertake regular audits of all the public footpaths in the parish.	This information would then be passed to WCC who is responsible for maintaining public footpaths in the area.	None	Low	PC to consider.
3.1.2 Identify a group who will work in partnership with WCC to maintain footpaths.		None	Low	PC to consider.
3.1.3 Arrange (twice per annum) a “Walking the Footpaths” event to educate people on where the footpaths are and encourage them to walk them.	The local ramblers may take on this responsibility. Lunch in one of the two local pubs after the event would be a good way to finish the walks.	None	Low	PC to consider.
3.1.4 Requests made to the PC to support the closure of a public footpath should generally be rejected.	Public footpaths are an amenity to be enjoyed by everybody, including future generations. So unless there are overwhelming reasons for a footpath to be closed e.g. health and safety, such actions should generally be rejected. Requests to support the moving or diversion of a footpath should be considered on their merits.	None	Low	PC to consider.
3.1.5 Signage.	Re-instate all public footpath way-marks.	PC/WCC	Medium	PC to consider.

3.2 Litter on Playing Fields

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.2.1 Extra litter bins.		None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.2.2 Litter pick playing fields.		None	Low	PC to consider.

3.3 Playing Fields and Animals

Although not permitted animals (dogs and horses) are regularly exercised on the playing areas. This could cause a health hazard to our children and sports teams as poo is left on the sports pitches and play areas.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.3.1 Designated fenced area to exercise dogs with appropriate facilities.		None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.3.2 Improved signage and by-law notices.		None	Low	PC to consider.

3.4 Motor Cycles on Playing Field

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.4.1 Make access more secure.		None		PC to consider.
3.4.2 Provide a designated area where youths could ride motorbikes.	This need not be in the playing field. Any area of rough ground where they could ride and make dirt tracks would be suitable.	Insurance. Supervision and safety.	High	PC to consider.

3.5 Access to and Parking at Playing Fields

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.5.1 Increase size/layout of parking, especially at Fosse Way.	Entrance is difficult to navigate when significant numbers of vehicles are in the car park.	None	Medium	PC to consider.

3.6 Playing Field and Playground Facilities

Existing play equipment needs to be brought up to standard.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.6.1 Rolling programme of improvements to play equipment to be agreed. Stand alone project to be set up and action plan developed.	Identify time-scale for introduction of new equipment, identifying what to replace/add and what funding is available. Enhance children's play area to encompass all age groups and allow for disabled access.	Funding	Very High	PC to consider.
	Provide safe, secure environment for toddlers – fenced and with appropriate equipment.	None	Very High	PC to consider.

3.6 Playing Field and Playground Facilities (cont.)

3.6.2 Inspection plan to be agreed.	Play equipment needs to be inspected according to an inspection schedule. Maintenance schedule to be devised for play areas highlighting: who is responsible, weekly checks, monthly checks and annual inspection.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.6.3 Signage needed to indicate correct age group for usage of equipment.		None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.6.4 Repair the basketball net in Plott Lane playing field.		None	Low	PC to consider.
3.6.5 Review usage of exercise wall.	Exercise wall could be taken down but from village meetings children would prefer repair.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.6.6 Kissing gate to Meadow Close in need of repair and improved access.	Mend it or replace it.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.6.7 Paint cricket pavilion.	Is there a vandalism issue if this is done?	None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.6.8 Provide a light in Meadow Close cut-through.	This would improve safety for residents walking through the playing field to Meadow Close.	None	Medium	PC to consider.

3.7 Football on Squires Road Green Space

There is some football played on the open space in Squires Road.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.7.1 Review rules. Ask residents for input. Is this just one small group playing here?	Maybe restrict to 8 year olds and under, as this age group need somewhere to get out un-supervised, but in a safe environment. Older age group should use the playing field.	None	Low	PC to consider.

3.8 Encourage Activities for Young People

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.8.1 Sponsorship for membership of youth activities.	Developmental activity for teenagers could be supported by grant.	Availability of funds	Low	PC to consider.

3.9 Support Village Hall

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.9.1 Provide regular funding support.	PC can provide some funding support from the parish precept.	Availability of funds	Medium	Accepted and actioned by the PC
3.9.2 Work with village hall trustees to produce plan for future of village hall.	Village hall is nearly 100 years old and is based on a second hand World War 1 army hut. A new hall may be needed within the next 10 years.	Views of village, funding, planning.	Very High	PC to consider.

3.10 Support Requests for Creation of New Activities

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
3.10.1 Skate park.	Identified need from group of young people.	Funding and grants.	Very High	Accepted and actioned by the PC
3.10.2 Encourage involvement of young people in determining future needs by holding regular meetings.	Liaise with existing youth activities. In the short term the PC could commission a survey to determine exactly what facilities are available at present within the parish and surrounding areas. It will publicise its findings.	None	Medium	PC to consider.
3.10.3 Look at alternative use of space.	In the medium term the PC could investigate requests which have been made for a patch of "rough ground" to be made available.	None	Low	PC to consider.

4 NEW BURIAL GROUND

4.1 Build New Burial Ground

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
4.1.1 Burial committee to be appointed to develop plan and oversee the implementation.	Village churchyard will be full within approximately 6 to 8 years.	Planning	Very High	Accepted and actioned by the PC
4.1.2 Funding.	Determine what grants are available.	Planning	Low	PC to consider.

4.1 Build New Burial Ground (cont.)

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
4.1.3 Policies and Processes.	Research & produce “operations manual” for burial ground.	Planning	Medium	PC to consider.

4.2 Maintenance Plan to Cover Ongoing Care and Security

In addition to the development of the new burial ground a plan for the ongoing maintenance also needs to be put in place.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
4.2.1 Develop plan for ongoing support, maintenance and security.	Commence 2 years before opening.	None	Medium	PC to consider.

5 TRAFFIC

5.1 Fosse Way Speeding

The Fosse Way splits the village in half. There is a 40mph restriction and a recent traffic survey has shown that over 50% of vehicles exceed this limit.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.1.1 Communication exercise.	This will only register with parishioners not visitors. Most people don't believe they are culprits of speeding!	None	Low	PC to consider.
5.1.2 Speed Cameras.		Highways authority	High	Highway's review.
5.1.3 Signage and/or village entry gates.	“Please drive carefully” notices at entrances to village.	Highways authority	Medium/High	Highway's review.
5.1.4 Speed guns for use by trained residents.	Police have currently refused requests, although villages in other counties have been granted guns.	Police	Medium/High	PC to consider.
5.1.5 Reduce speed limit to 30mph.	If limit reduced then speeders may drive at 40mph.	Highways authority	Medium	Highway's review
5.1.6 Further vehicle activated sign	Install in direction from A45 Roundabout.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.
5.1.7 Dangerous bend and/or concealed entrance sign.	At Meadow Close entrance speeding motorists veer towards centre of road.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

5.2 Cyclist/Pedestrian Safety

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.2.1 Pedestrian Crossing installed on Fosse Way.	We must attempt to safeguard the children of the village. The crossing patrol is only provided for the school run hours.	Highways authority	Very high, especially if with lights	PC to consider.
5.2.2 Cycle Pavement to War Memorial.	Would also help to reduce speed of traffic.	Highways authority	High	Accepted and actioned by the PC

5.3 Perceived School Lane Speeding

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.3.1 Signage.	“You are entering the village centre”. “Mind our Children” or something similar.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.
5.3.2 Re-instate road markings outside Dunsmore House on bend.		Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

5.4 Damage to Roads Due to HGVs

Our village roads are not designed to cater for HGVs – causing damage to road surfaces and probably sewers

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.4.1 Weight Limit HGV signs on Plott Lane/Fineacre Lane, Church Hill and Rugby Lane, as already on Knob Hill.	“Delivery and access only”.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

5.5 Access to School Lane

Turn off A45 dangerous. There is not enough room for a bus or lorry entering from the A45 when a car is exiting.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.5.1 Create a splay on A45 for School Lane to create an acceleration and deceleration lane.	If the access to and from School Lane were safer then less traffic would come through the village centre. Also need to increase the turning radius, as even with a deceleration lane this would not assist large vehicles to turn as they need all of the road entrance.	Highways authority	Very High	PC to consider.

5.6 Congestion Around School

At certain times of day traffic going to and from the school, or picking up for other schools causes congestion in the village. Restricting vehicular access to the school for parking will exacerbate problems already encountered in Hill Crescent.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.6.1 Buses that come from Frankton should be encouraged to enter the village from School Lane.	Enter from A45 – leave empty through village.	Bus companies	Low	PC to consider.
5.6.2 Encourage suppliers of all school buses to ensure buses have seatbelts fitted.	Parents will not allow children to travel in buses without seatbelts.	School/Bus companies	Low	PC to consider.
5.6.3 “New Parking” at the school for a “Drop Off” only zone.	Keep school traffic away from the main residential areas.	School/highways authority	High	PC to consider.
5.6.4 The school buses returning kids from schools outside the village could use the “new parking” at school as a drop down point at end of school day		School/highways authority	High	PC to consider.
5.6.5 Stop line at Hill Crescent – School Lane junction.	This is a “Give Way” junction. Drivers don’t always look, they just turn left onto School Lane.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

5.7 Lorries on Rugby Lane

Now an established route from A45 down Rugby Lane, such that the grass verge has eroded due to the volume and type of traffic. Rugby Lane was not designed to take heavy vehicles. Lorry movements are affecting the road surface.

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.7.1 Restriction of access from A45.	Bank up the turn and add posts onto turn. Restrict access and restore to former state.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

5.8 Safer Roads: Think Kids!

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
5.8.1 Identification and recognition of those streets in the village where children play. These are useful for children to spread their wings in a safe environment.	These should be kept in a quiet state: Moor Farm Close, The Paddocks, Meadow Close, Squires Road, Roberts Close, Manor Drive and also Rugby Lane, which should be quiet but is no longer safe, due to through traffic.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.
5.8.2 Reduce speed limit to 20mph throughout village.	Although not enforceable it may result in people actually driving at 30mph.	Highways authority	Medium	PC to consider.

6 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
6.1 Service providers re-assess timetables.	Buses are not frequent, especially to Leamington so encourages driving.	Bus companies/ Warwickshire travel	Low	PC to consider.
6.2 Publicise availability of community mini-buses e.g. Ryton minibus, EasyRider, etc.	To allow trips after 6pm or to destinations not served by buses.	None	Low	PC to consider.

7 HERITAGE

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
7.1 Register medieval field system.		PC/RBC	Low	PC to consider.
7.2 List the red telephone box.		PC/RBC	Low	PC to consider.

8 NOISE POLLUTION

Could be addressed by	Comments/background information	Dependency	Cost	Status
8.1 Plant row of trees on A45 to screen noise.		None	Medium	PC to consider.
8.2 Work with Coventry Airport to maintain discipline in avoiding over-flying.	Aircraft over-flying.	None	Low	PC to consider.
8.3 Lobby for sensible use of fireworks.	Remind residents of the provisions of Fireworks Act regarding sensible use of fireworks.	None	Low	PC to consider.
8.4 Lobby to have main routes through the village coated with low noise road surface.		WCC	Very High	PC to consider.

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