

# **CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## *Responses of the Parish Council to the recommendations in the Village Plan Final Report*

### ENVIRONMENT

#### 2.1.1. Resolve environmental issues identified in the survey

##### Recommendation for further action:

1. The group noted that very little or no road sweeping is carried out by CWAC around the village, hence it recommended that the Parish Council consider allocating a budget for sweeping of roads to prevent accumulation of rotted leaves and other debris which ultimately causes blocked drains.
2. The group recommends that the Parish Council is made aware of the concerns of the Environment Working Group regarding persistent “grot spots” for littering and fly-tipping adjacent to the football field behind Sandiway School. This is of particular concern because the waste includes dangerous and unsavoury items such as drugs paraphernalia, condoms, alcoholic drinks containers and discarded take-away packaging in an area regularly used by families and young people.

Parish Council’s response: 1) Road sweeping is the responsibility of Cheshire West and Chester Council. They have staff and equipment but it is recognised that it would be difficult and costly to keep every street in the Borough clean at all times. There is evidence that CWAC will respond to requests to clean up particularly in areas of higher footfall or risk. The public therefore are encouraged to use the “Report It” scheme operated by CWAC. 2) The Parish Council owns and is responsible for the area referred to above. It monitors this area on a regular basis and takes action as necessary.

#### 2.1.2. Environmental Improvements- plant more trees, flowers and bulbs on public areas around the village

##### Recommendations for further action:

1. An informal group has agreed to continue to work together on the creation of attractive village gateway planters. It is recommended that the Parish Council communicates with and provides support to this group as their work continues.
2. Whilst an initial round of bulb planting has been carried out by the EWG, it is recommended that the Parish Council considers providing funds for a top-up and augmentation of the displays via further annual autumn planting.

Parish Council’s response: The Parish Council has agreed to both requests

#### 2.3. Sustainability: develop energy saving ideas

##### Recommendation for further action

1. An informal Energy Savings Group has been established and it is recommended that the Parish Council communicates with and provides support to this group as their work develops.

Parish Council's response: The Parish Council will communicate with the Energy Savings Group and will consider energy savings ideas they put forward.

## FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY

### 3.1.1. Communications: Raise awareness of existing services, activities and facilities

#### Succession Planning

1. The Parish Council have agreed to continue sponsorship and support for the on-going Website Development Team (WDT).
2. It is recommended that the Website Development Team identify and recruit 5-6 key members, including some young blood to better identify with, and represent, the youth in the community.
3. The Website Development Team should be tasked with regular validation and updating for all the information displayed within the website; the News/ Calendar sections of the website should always remain fresh with relevant and current information. The team should continue to document and promote all the activities and facilities available to younger residents.
4. The Website Development Team should report, as appropriate, to the Parish Council and a member of the Parish Council should be nominated to facilitate this relationship.

Parish Council response: The Parish Council have agreed all the above.

### 3.1.2. Communications: improve and modernise e communications including those relating to young people

#### Succession Planning

- 1) It is recommended that the Parish Council monitor the actions necessary to complete the availability of super-fast broadband to all households in the Parish.
- 2) It is recommended that the Parish Council consider the promotion of our region as an early adopter for the newer ultra-fast fibre to the premises (FTTP) broadband now being rolled out by Openreach, potentially utilising the services of the relevant department within Cheshire West and Chester Council to action the discussion.
- 3) Parishioners who are unhappy with their mobile phone reception should be encouraged, in the first instance, to complain to their service providers.
- 4) It is recommended that the Parish Council consider the encouragement for sharing of mobile phone masts across all service providers during, and in some cases after, the planning phase for new masts.

Parish Council's response: Councillor Faulkner has agreed to find out progress to date on super-fast and ultra-fast fibre broadband and report back. The proposal on ultra-fast fibre broadband would be dependent on volunteers with specialist knowledge coming forward and supporting it. Residents are able to find out their own mobile and broadband connectivity on [www.ofcom.org.uk/check-coverage](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/check-coverage) . When on site postcode is required. The proposal about mobile phone masts has been fed into the team drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan. Cheshire West and Chester Council have also been advised.

### 3.2.1. Welfare Facilities: Extend Doctor's Surgery hours

## Succession Planning

- 1) It is recommended that the Parish Council continue to maintain contact with the Danebridge PPG through a parishioner attendee willing to report back with any issues/ problems affecting the service provided by the Sandiway Surgery.

Parish Council Response: The Parish Council have agreed to this

### 3.2.2. Welfare Facilities: develop the provision of voluntary services and advice about benefits in the village

## Succession Planning

- 1) Subject to successful meetings of interested parties, it is hoped that a Caring Neighbours Coordinating Committee can be formed to bring together all the organisations providing support in the community and to help facilitate an improved service to needy parishioners.
- 2) It is recommended that once a suitable support structure is in place the Parish Council consider sponsoring and supporting the initiative.

Parish Council's response: These recommendations were made in October 2017. Since then the coordinating committee has had further meetings with various organisations doing this type of work in the village. A lot of different organisations are involved in the village some of which have their own infrastructure. Rather than create another infrastructure it was decided that the first priority is to publish a comprehensive guide as to what is on offer in the village. This will be on the village website and available at the Library and publicity will be given in the Round Tower. Work has started on this. The intention is to review the impact of this in due course and see if any more needs to be done.

### 3.4. Leisure Facilities: Improve and increase range of activities and community events

## Succession Planning

1. Most activities have now been identified and are advertised through the website- a continuing need to revalidate and update the information posted on the website by the Website Development Team

Parish Council response: The Parish Council recognises that enhancements to the village website have improved the awareness in general of what is going on. As regards increasing the range of activities and the number of community events including those for young people, the Parish Council believe that this must come from individual volunteers to drive forward and self-manage projects. The Parish Council's role is where appropriate to enable/ support.

### 3.5.1. Safety and Security: Increased policing

## Succession Planning

1. It is recommended that the Parish Council consider a continuing dialogue with the Police and to try and encourage them to re-engage with the public with their visible PCSO presence in the village and the monthly liaison meetings at the Library.
2. Relevant Police ALERT messages to continue to be re-broadcast on the village website

Parish Council response: Recommendations agreed. Regular liaison meetings PCSO/ the public have been re-instated. PCSO and Parish Council now regularly engage with each other and the Parish Council continues to promote the ALERT system.

### 3.5.2. Safety and Security: Neighbourhood Watch

#### Future Action

1. Promote Alert messaging

Parish Council response: The Parish Council accepts recommendation

### 5.1. Young People: Improve playgrounds

#### Status of action

Actions in hand from the Playing Field Association.

Parish Council Response: Major refurbishment of play equipment at Norley Road due to commence March 2018

## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

### 1.2 Parking

Status of action: Group regards this as complete but requests the Parish Council to highlight any future problems.

Parish Council response: Recommendation accepted.

### 1.3.1. Speeding Traffic                      1.3.2. Impact of through traffic

#### Status of Action

The Group regards this as complete but invites the Parish Council to request members of the sub group to review signage after the completion of the 20MPH speed limit project. It is felt that better signage would reduce traffic speed but it is acknowledged that additional signage would have to be financed outside CWAC.

Parish Council's response: The Parish Council accepts this proposal and has requested the sub group review signage after implementation of the 20 MPH speed limit scheme and at the same time review Cuddington Lane.

- 1.4.1. Public Transport: encourage greater use of local buses. Publicise bus routes and services and rectify local gaps in service provision (e.g. Delamere Park, extended timetables)

Status of action: This is important. It will take time. Councillor John Faulkner has undertaken to press for these improvements in his role as Chairman of the Parish Council/ Parish Councillor.

Parish Council's response: A written report by Councillor John Faulkner was considered by the Parish Council at meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> February. Arriva had decided it was no longer willing to consider a change in the current route. The Parish Council has accepted this. Arriva are willing to review the situation again in 12 months which the Parish Council have accepted.

### 1.5 Public Transport: Improvements to the rail service

#### Status of action

The Parish Council are recommended to monitor improvements and continue to liaise with the relevant groups including CWAC, Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership.

Parish Council's response: The Parish Council have agreed to this.

