

Adderbury

Parish Plan 2004-2014

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Introduction

The Parish Council instituted a series of village appraisals in 1994 and 2004 as an opportunity for local people to get involved in prompting and prioritising self-help community initiatives and influencing local action. This Parish Plan stems directly from the appraisal work and its production was supported by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Present locally identified needs to the district and county councils.
- Inform the Parish Council on the aspirations of the local community.
- Influence the community in the part it plays.

How this Plan fits in with other Community Plans/Strategies

Nationally, each parish has been encouraged to develop their own community plan. These parish plans provide invaluable information to the wider community planning process, and many local aspirations are already reflected in local community plans such as the Cherwell Community Action Plan 2006-2011.

Topics

The topics outlined in this Parish Plan are all taken from the conclusion and recommendations made in the 2004 AVA Report. They are addressed in alphabetical order and are not prioritised:

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Community Facilities

Many active groups require community space to conduct their activities. Apart from Church House, the remaining community facilities are in need of considerable repair and there is growing expectation that some refurbishment, renovation or new build should take place.

Aim

1

To improve existing village community facilities and create new ones where necessary

How

- o Refurbish, renovate or replace the Institute and Lucy Plackett Activity Centre.
- o Identify suitable sites for new community facilities.
- o Explore the suitability of potential sites.
- o Work with interested groups to develop new facilities.

Who

- o Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
- o Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association
- o Cherwell District Council
- o Parish Council
- o Institute Trustees and Management Committee
- o Lucy Plackett Management Committee
- o Interested village groups
- o Residents

Status

The Institute Management Committee recently began a programme of repair, supported by grants from Cherwell District Council and the Parish Council.

Parish Council commissioned a report in 2005 on the state of the Lucy Plackett Activity Centre, the cost of improvements, and its suitability as a potential site for new community facilities.

Lucy Plackett Management Committee are preparing a business plan that will be available in late 2007.

Parish Council have explored the potential of a new site linked with football facilities on the Milton Road, and have made comments to Cherwell District Council as part of the Local Development Framework consultation process.

Friends of the Community of Adderbury Library support the library service provided in Church House.

Community Spirit

Our community spirit needs to reflect the unique character of the village and engender a sense of pride, belonging and heritage. An active community is critically dependent on people willing to make time available, as it utilises and develops the intangible community assets of the skills, knowledge, interests, experience, ideas and enthusiasm of local people.

Aim

2

To develop a shared vision and sense of belonging by encouraging active participation in community activities

How

- Acknowledge the valuable part that volunteers play.
- Develop the existing programme of village events.
- Encourage residents to participate in community activities.

Who

- Parish Council
- Village clubs and societies
- Residents

Status

A list of annual events and details of local Clubs and Societies is available on the village website and in the Library.



Education

Education and learning impact upon an individual's effectiveness and their ability to adapt to changing circumstances.

Aim

3

To develop a shared vision and sense of belonging by encouraging active participation in community activities

How

- o Encourage development of local childcare initiatives such as registered childminders, private nursery day-care, before- and after- school clubs and holiday play schemes.
- o Encourage residents to support Christopher Rawlins School, thus ensuring a broad representation of village families on the pupil roll.
- o Encourage development of local facilities for adult education through local initiatives.
- o Support participation in adult activities using school premises.

Who

- o Oxfordshire County Council
- o Parish Council
- o Christopher Rawlins Governors and Parent Teachers Association
- o Residents

Status

Extended Schools Partnership for North Oxfordshire under development with the Warriner School.

An extensive programme of refurbishment and redevelopment has taken place at Christopher Rawlins during the past four years.

Christopher Rawlins created a new Nursery Class in September 2007 that takes over the Foundation Stage from Adderbury Pre-School, so offering education from age 3 to 11.

Christopher Rawlins has achieved greater involvement with the community through hosting of Church services on school premises, joint Summer Fete with St Mary's and hire of premises for use by local groups.

Housing and Future Structure

The village grew as traditional Hornton stone cottages and houses surrounding the church. Development in the 20th Century saw more modern houses added at both ends of the village and over 100 new houses have been built in the last 10 years alone. However, there remains an acknowledged shortfall in affordable housing.

Aim

4

To influence the future development of the village in order to maintain its individual character

How

- Engage with Cherwell District Council local planning authority on the provision of future housing.
- Lobby against inappropriate development and encroachment.
- Satisfy the demand for suitable affordable housing and retain its availability for local residents.

Who

- Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Parish Council
- Adderbury Conservation Action Group
- Residents

Status

Parish Council used the results of the 2004 Village Appraisal to inform its response to the Cherwell District Council's Local Development Framework.

Parish Council completed a Housing Needs Survey in 2007 and is exploring possible sites for affordable housing.

Parish Council oppose the extension of Banbury boundaries towards Adderbury.



Information and Communications

Use of all possible methods of communication, including new technology, enables the quick and simple distribution of information around the village.

Aim

5

To establish through electronic and other means an information support mechanism for the community

How

- o Provide an Adderbury website.
- o Publicise details of local facilities, activities and interests.
- o Promote awareness and usage of all library services.

Who

- o Website Management Committee
- o Contact Magazine
- o Friends of the Community of Adderbury Library
- o Residents

Status

The following village websites will be active by the end of 2007:

adderbury.org

adderburyevents.co.uk

adderbury-stmarys.com

christopher-rawlins-school.org.uk

Adderbury Parish Council website

Contact magazine and village notice boards are the main non-electronic means of communicating village information.

Banbury Guardian provides a summary of forthcoming and recent parish events.



Local Countryside and Environment

Adderbury provides an excellent environment in which to live and work, and we need to ensure that any development is as far as possible sustainable in environmental terms.

Aim

6

To protect and enhance enjoyment of the local environment

How

- Preserve and enhance the rich heritage of historic village buildings, features and landscapes.
- Support local projects that protect and enhance the interests of biodiversity and character of the local countryside, and raise awareness of these important issues.
- Facilitate opportunities for residents to minimise waste and maximise participation in recycling schemes.
- Encourage village awareness, support and protection of Adderbury Lakes.
- Review provision of litter and dog waste bins, and encourage their use.
- Minimise the impact of traffic pollution on village life.

Who

- Oxfordshire County Council (Highways)
- Cherwell District Council
- Parish Council
- Footpaths Committee
- Adderbury Conservation Action Group
- Adderbury Lakes Management Committee
- Residents

Status

The Parish Council takes account of the protection of the village environment when responding to planning applications.

The Parish Council encourages biodiversity in the areas it owns around the village.

Residents support the Cherwell District Council's recycling schemes.

The Parish Council conducted a review of litter and dog waste bins in 2006/7 and changes have been made.

The Adderbury Lakes Committee now has a Management Plan.

The Parish Council has a traffic committee.

A new leaflet for a circular walk and a village walk will be published in 2007.

Local Economy

Adderbury benefits greatly from the district's central location, good connections by road and rail, and has three separate business parks.

Aim

7

To promote a diverse and sustainable local economy

How

- o Support Cherwell District Council in attracting new businesses to Adderbury Business Parks through the North Oxfordshire Enterprise Hub.
- o Support the local agricultural industry, family farms and farmers' markets.
- o Encourage small scale B&B, guest house and tourist development.
- o Support and encourage local employment initiatives, small businesses and home-working enterprises.
- o Publish a detailed guide of local businesses and suppliers to encourage full use of local services.
- o Support local retailers.

Who

- o Parish Council
- o Local Businesses
- o Friday Club
- o Residents

Status

Business Directory available on Adderbury website.

The screenshot shows a website interface for a business directory. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with various categories. The main body of the page contains a heading 'Business needs...' followed by a paragraph and a search section. The search section is titled 'Search by Business type' and lists numerous professions and services. To the right of the search results is a sidebar with the heading 'Specialist in:' and a list of specific services offered.

Parish Council

The Parish Council consists of 11 councillors who will serve until the next elections in May 2008.

Aim

8

To publicise better the work of the Parish Council and enable residents to have a greater involvement in decisions that affect the well-being of the community

How

- o Introduce a Parish Council website.
- o Encourage residents to attend parish meetings and afford them adequate opportunity to express their views openly on local issues.
- o Provide other opportunities for residents to express their opinion.
- o Increase the number of young people consulted during the democratic decision making process.

Who

- o Parish Council
- o Residents
- o Youth Groups

Status

Some residents express their views on the village website, in the Contact magazine, and attend parish meetings.

The Parish Council provides an open forum at every council meeting, and holds an Annual Parish Meeting for residents.

Parish Council website to be available by end of 2007.



Services and Utilities

The village requires local infrastructure to match its rural growth and community needs, and to fill identified gaps in local amenities and service provision.

Aim

9

To improve services in the village

How

- o Follow up any identified poor service levels with relevant authorities.

Who

- o Service Providers
- o Oxfordshire County Council
- o Cherwell District Council
- o Parish Council
- o Residents

Status

The Parish Council regularly reviews and instigates action to improve the services provided to the village.

Residents inform the Parish Council if services are insufficient or inadequate.



Sports and Leisure

Physical and mental activities contribute to good health, increased self-esteem and improved well-being. The challenge is to encourage more people to be more active throughout their lives; physically, mentally and in the community.

Aim

10

To increase awareness and usage of all current organisations whilst meeting the demand for other indoor and outdoor sport and leisure activities

How

- Provide a regular insert in the village newsletter, website and Contact magazine that details the sport and leisure activities available in the village.
- Review current sport and leisure facilities to expose shortfalls and identify potential solutions.
- Support the Football Club in its search for new facilities.
- Provide play facilities for children.

Who

- Cherwell District Council
- Parish Council
- The Institute Management Committee
- Lucy Plackett Activity Centre Management Committee.
- Sports Clubs

Status

Details of sport and leisure activities published on village website and periodically in Contact magazine.

New play facilities have been provided on the Lucy Plackett site and The Rise.

Parish Council are assisting the Football Club in its search for new facilities, and have started a fund towards relocation costs.



Sports and Leisure *continued*

Aim

11

To provide more social facilities for young people and create youth-led activities, overseen by adults where necessary

How

- o Undertake consultation with young people to identify gaps in provision of young people's services and work with them to fill identified gaps.
- o Explore provision of youth/activities clubs, other suitable facilities and supporting volunteers.
- o Investigate the availability of a skateboard and other outdoor activities.

Who

- o Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association
- o Cherwell District Council
- o Parish Council
- o Lucy Plackett Activity Centre Management Committee.
- o Sports Clubs
- o Parents and other volunteers.

Status

Parish Council expanded teenage facilities on The Rise, but these were subsequently vandalised, removed and will be re-sited by 2009.

Lucy Plackett Management Committee has established a number of groups that support activities for the under 10 age group.



Support Services, Faith and Community Well-being

A large number of residents think that local healthcare and care of our neighbours is very important, and acknowledge the important role played by faith groups, the family, carers and the voluntary sector. In addition, crime and disorder remains a prime concern to most residents even though we live in a relatively safe area.

Aim

12

To assist local support services, encourage residents to care for each other, and improve the involvement and visibility of local faith and voluntary groups in the community

How

- o Support the Save the Horton as a District General Hospital campaign.
- o Lobby to reinstate a village GP surgery.
- o Formalise the Good Neighbour Scheme.
- o Maintain the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- o Publish a detailed guide to local faith and voluntary groups.

Who

- o Local MP
- o Parish Council
- o Residents

Status

Campaigns to support the Horton and provision of local healthcare continue.

Commitment to form a local Good Neighbour Scheme is not yet forthcoming.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is thriving.

Details of six local faith groups and their venues are published on the Adderbury website.



Traffic and Transport

The village stretches some two miles from end to end and is dissected by the main A road between Oxford and Banbury.

Aim

13

To improve road safety and calm the flow of traffic through the village

How

- o Draw up and implement a long-term plan for controlling traffic, taking account of danger spots and traffic calming needs.
- o Lobby Oxfordshire County Council for the provision of cycle paths, safe pedestrian crossing points and a reduction of speed limit from the school to the King's Sutton turn to 30mph.
- o Encourage residents to moderate their speed when driving through the village.

Who

- o Sustrans (the UK's leading sustainable transport charity)
- o Oxfordshire County Council (Highways)
- o Cherwell District Council
- o Parish Council
- o Residents

Status

A review of traffic has been completed and some measures implemented.

Aim

14

To improve local public transport services.

How

- o Support community transport initiatives.

Who

- o Cherwell District Council
- o Parish Council
- o Residents

Status

There is a regular bus service between Oxford and Banbury through Adderbury.

Cherwell District Council operates a Travel Token/Pass scheme for those who qualify.

Cherwell District Council Dial-A-Ride scheme available some days.

How this Parish Plan was developed

The widest possible input has been sought from all sections of the community both in identifying the issues to be tackled and in proposing solutions. This plan identifies those features and local characteristics that our people value, and spells out how residents would like the community to develop in the future.

Key steps have been:

- 1993: Parish Council set up an independent, objective steering committee to carry out a village appraisal.
- 1994: First Village Appraisal conducted.
- 2004: Second Village Appraisal conducted.
Results of 2004 Village Appraisal published in September.
Appraisal Steering Committee handed over its findings to a Parish Plan Steering Committee in November.
- 2007: Parish Plan Steering Committee reconstituted in January.
Parish Plan published in October/November.

Next Steps

The Parish Council, working groups, interested parties and individuals have already been implementing actions since the results of both Village Appraisal Reports were published. Some actions have already been completed; others are in progress. This document is a summary of the key topics raised and prioritised during the consultation process. Each action has a status, as at 31 October 2007.

The Parish Plan will not be static and unchanging. It will be formally reviewed and updated periodically in consultation with the Parish Council to reflect changing priorities over forthcoming years.

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