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ACTION PLAN 2022-24

Statement of Policy

It is the view of the Parish Council that by planning for future activities in the Parish, a proactive attitude is projected rather than that of a reactive response.

The Council believes that Parishes form an important tier of Local Government at a "grass roots" level close to the people.

The Council will seek to play a key role in leading and empowering the local community.

The Council firmly believes in maintaining the fabric of the village and protecting the village environment.

Statement of Objectives

- The Council will always practice open accountability, effective communication with residents, prompt response to residents'
 enquiries and suggestions and will hold open meetings. Fifteen Minutes will be allowed at each Full Council meeting for residents
 to express their views on items on the agenda, unless the Chairman agrees to take other matters.
- Use of the "Two Villages" magazine and the Council's web site will be key instruments in meeting the objectives above.
- In order to support the Clerk, the Council will provide any required reference books.
- All Councillors will undertake training to ensure they are able to fulfil their role and keep abreast of relevant current legislation.

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AIM	OBJECTIVES	TO BE ACHIEVED BY	OUTCOME & WHO WILL PROGRESS THE WORK
To complete the final aspects of the Village Enhancement Scheme including the miniroundabout on Church Road / Paddockhurst Road, the chicane on East Street, the 20mph zone and all associated signage.	To provide a safer environment for all road users especially pedestrians.	This work was halted due to the pandemic and the retirement of the NP/VES Secretary. The Clerk has taken on this work and will be working with NP/VES Committee, Richard Speller and the Estate to bring to completion.	A meeting has been held with Richard Speller and the NP/VES Committee. Clerk and Richard Speller will work together on the Community Highways Scheme. Ongoing
To obtain funding via S106 payments, The Paddockhurst Estate and Parish Council money reserved for the scheme.	To allow the work to be carried out as soon as possible.	By continuing to work with WSCC and with the support of our County Councillor it is intended to bring this long planned scheme to fruition.	Work to be carried out by the NP/VES Committee with final decisions taken by Council 20mph zone application has been made and is being processed by WSCC. Chicane on East Street was rejected by WSCC. Mini roundabout cannot go ahead unless Vicarage Field development goes ahead.
To continue to work with The Paddockhurst Estate on plans for Vicarage Field and Old Estate Yard development as per the Neighbourhood Plan.	To ensure that the detailed requirements for this development are adhered to and building work can begin as soon as possible.	The Neighbourhood Plan Committee will continue to work with Paddockhurst Estate as much as possible and will then work with the developer. Final designs are still awaited although there is little scope for amending the initial plans as the	The landowners are seeking tenders from interested parties. Clerk will contact Knight Frank to arrange a meeting to get an update.

		provision of roads cannot be amended.	Work to be carried out by the NP/VES Committee with final decisions taken by Council
Affordable housing for residents.	As far as possible provide suitable affordable housing for residents.	The Neighbourhood Plan Committee working with MSDC, The Paddockhurst Estate and any other developers during planning of all housing development sites.	Ongoing. Work to be carried out by the NP/VES Committee with final decisions taken by Council
To achieve some of the aims stipulated in our Infrastructure List.	Money from S106 funds needs to be allocated as per our list in order to achieve improvements to the community centre in order to a) improve safety and b) to cater for the increase in the population and provide adequate services.	Working with MSDC on the allocation of funding and its use. When S106 funds become available from Sopers Ride development further discussions will take place.	Work has been carried out at The Ark and the playground with this fund. Further work is planned at The Ark; being progressed by ACE.
To ensure that the play area caters for all children in a safe and well-maintained facility.	To provide new inclusive play equipment at the Recreation Ground.	Work completed. MSDC have now installed an all-inclusive in-ground roundabout for children with limited mobility and some wheelchairs.	The upgrade was completed in 2022.
		Installation of the half pipe using S106 money.	The half pipe mini ramp to be installed before the summer of 2022.
	To continue improvements to the safety surface and removal of all bark areas.	The bark has been removed and replaced with a new rubber safety surface.	Completed in 2022.
To obtain a replacement piece of equipment.	MSDC had to remove one item following safety inspection, yet to be replaced.	The Clerk liaising with MSDC who own and are responsible for the playground.	MSDC have never accepted this after the Officer responsible for the removal of this equipment retired, even though the Clerk was able to provide proof. As the

			recreation ground has been totally updated, the Parish Council will now forego this piece of equipment.
To ensure the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement are adhered to.	To ensure that there are no conflicts on the use of our plan.	Members will continue to make use of the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement when commenting on applications and will monitor the outcomes.	Ongoing All Councillors
To ensure the Neighbourhood Plan remains current.	To ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan remains current and in-line with the District Plan as appropriate.	The Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed during 2022/23 to ensure compliance with the latest policies and requirements.	Work to be carried out by the NP/VES Committee with final decisions taken by Council
To provide an improved CCTV system.	In order to provide greater protection to people and the Community Centre the current system needs to be upgraded.	The Clerk will provide a report to ACE (the hall committee) on options and costings.	This has been completed.
To replace street light lanterns in order to provide improved reliable lighting.	The lighting owned by the Parish Council requires updating as many of the lanterns are now obsolete. This makes repairs impossible.	Money will be allocated over two years in order to carry out a replacement programme.	Work has been instructed for approximately half of the lights, and the equipment is on order by the lighting contractor, Streetlights. The Council will budget to complete the work in the next financial year.
To purchase a new supply of Village Bags	The bags will be given to all new residents together with basic information on the Parish and the Council.	The bags have been purchased.	Council to agree implementation of this project and decide on what basic information will be included in the bags.
			A piece has been added to the Two Villages Magazine regarding new residents in the Village getting in contact with the Parish Office or neighbours informing the

			Parish Officer of new residents so that bags can be passed on to them with the information inside.
To provide ongoing training for all Members and staff.	In order to fulfil their roles to the best of their ability and so make the Council as efficient and forward thinking as possible.	All new members are provided with information on their role and current position of the Council. All staff are to be provided with training appropriate to their respective work. The Clerk will provide information to Council on training as it becomes available.	New Member information pack is available and will be kept up to date by the Clerk. Several members and the Clerk and RFO have attended courses. This remains ongoing.

Items completed from the Action Plan 2020 – 2022

The Clock Field development is now finished and all homes are inhabited.

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This document will be reviewed annually to ensure it covers the needs of the Council.