Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Action Plan: 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council aims to:

- To provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development.
- To be a strong voice for residents and local businesses, working to improve the overall parish area both built and natural, while preserving the uniqueness of heritage areas.

The Council's objectives are:

- To understand and communicate the views, needs and aspirations of residents and businesses to statutory and non-governmental bodies as required.
- Increase public involvement in the community through ensuring the parish council and its activities are open, transparent and accountable to residents.
- Support local business and economic activity in the parish.
- Work with other Councils to provide safe, healthy and timely opportunities for recreation, leisure and education.
- To support the work of parish voluntary organizations through grants and practical support
- Respond to planning applications and other statutory consultations on time, ensuring that recommendations made to Shropshire Council adhere to the community plan, any statutory regulations, and the interests of the community.
- Promote, within our community, activities which support the principles of environmental sustainability and an ethical society, working with others to keep public places clean and safe.
- Ensure that Councilors and Staff have access to high quality training and development opportunities and that they meet all required standards, for example working towards achieving Quality Council status.

To achieve the aims and objectives of the Council an Annual Action Plan is produced. It is a 'live' document which the Parish Council updates on a regular basis, enabling the Council to track and monitor progress against the objective and timescale. The Action Plan is publicly available, so residents can also monitor progress.

To ensure the Action Plan truly represents the Parish's best interests, the Parish Council will invite the local community to participate in its development.

The Action Plan will continue to be the main way of telling you what we are doing to meet the needs of the community.

It is a two-way conversation. Please tell us what you think about it. We welcome your comments. If you require any further information that would help you understand what we are trying to achieve, please let us know.

We can also provide additional information on the issues raised in the Plan.

Monitoring Report date: 14 March 2018

Title	Issue	Action	Objective	Timescale	Budget	Update	Completed
Communication	Website	To keep website up to date.	To improve local awareness and stimulate community spirit	On-going	Included in Clerk's duties.	Website reviewed August 2017 Home page updated February 2018	
	Keeping YOU Informed	To ensure 3 editions are published	To improve local awareness and stimulate community spirit especially for those who cannot access the website.	On-going	Included in Clerk's duties. Budget allocation of £1,000	July 2017 double issue published. Annual Report included within newsletter. May 2018 to include reminder with crops on ROWs.	
Community Groups							
Parish Plan	To improve the range of local facilities.	To work with and assist in practical ways and through the Community Grants Scheme.	To increase capacity of groups and facilities with the aim of improving the well-being of parish residents	On-going	Budget allocation of £1,000	Parish Council representatives on Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Dinsdale leading a review of all licences, procedures, and assets. February 2018 Grant of £1,000 to Parish Hall to assist with presentation equipment.	
Actions	Broadband in the Parish	Monitor progress of the project 'Connecting Shropshire' as it relates to the Parish.	To ensure the maximum speed is available to residents and businesses in the Parish.	On-going	No budgetary implications	BT Openreach working in Parish October 2017. Chris Taylor (Connecting Shropshire) presentation to Council January 2018 re connection to Colemere. February 2018 Chris Taylor confirmed: I'm afraid there is no further update at this stage. Please be assured we will be proactive in letting you know once there are developments.	
	Speeding Traffic	Continue to report specific incidents to Shropshire Council and the Police. Monitor Safer Roads Partnership	To ensure Shropshire Council conducts regular reviews of traffic volume and speed on the major roads through the	On-going 12 months	No budgetary implications No budgetary	On-going Enforcement commenced Summer	
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		enforcement 40mph extended to Hampton Bank	Parish	12 months	implications No budgetary implications	2017. To be reviewed November 2017 Implemented Spring 2017. Speed monitoring to be carried out by Shropshire Council September/October 2017 Results reviewed by Parish Council January 2018. Referred back to Shropshire Council and Safer Roads Partnership. SRP to conduct additional monitoring. February/March 2018	
		The Avenue, Colemere	Shropshire Council to repair surface	6 months	No budgetary implications	SC to be chased in April (new financial year)	
Planning Policy		Lane B5063 to Lyneal	Shropshire Council to repair surface	6 months	No budgetary implications	SC to be chased in March or when flooding subsides	
Planning	Future Development in the Parish	To resolve concerns with drainage in Welshampton. To consult with residents.	To develop a Planning Policy for the Parish.	12 months	No budgetary implications identified except for meeting room hire	Advise sought from Planning Consultant, Shropshire Council and Environment Agency. Section 101A request (Water Industry Act 1991(s101) submitted to Welsh Water October 2017. Shropshire Council Local Plan Review Preferred Options Consultation reviewed November 2017. Parish Meeting held for 6 December 2017 to consult on Preferred Options and drainage issues December 2017 Parish Council resolved to be classed as 'Countryside' under Local Plan review. Drainage issues to be consulted on through newsletter February 2018.	
	Field opposite Hawthorn House	Ensure Shropshire Council carries out enforcement action	To return field to original state	6 months	No budgetary implications	Chase Planning Dept May 2017	

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Local Council Award Scheme							
	Governance, community engagement and Council improvement.	To review criteria	To work towards 'Quality' Level	12 months	No budgetary implications identified Included in Clerk's duties.	Policies and documentation under review. Application submitted November 2017. Quality Level awarded January 2018	January 2018
Parish Safety		To review criteria	To work towards 'Quality Plus' Level	12 months	No budgetary implications identified Included in Clerk's duties.		
Parish Appearance	Emergency Services	To agree location and source funding	To install defibrillator in Welshampton	12 months	Some budgetary implications – to be identified		
Community	Tumulus, Welshampton	To seek appropriate consents and design board	To install interpretation board and celebrate local heritage	6 months	Some budgetary implications – to be identified	Contacted landowner to advise intentions. SC to agree position on verge.	
Event	Great War Commemoration	To produce an exhibition and possible evening event	To commemorate all who had fallen in the 1914-1918 War and in conflicts since then	November 2018	Some budgetary implications – to be identified		
Tourism	To increase tourism in area	To work with others to produce Historic Churches Trail Leaflet	To celebrate the history of the local churches	12 months	Some budgetary implications – to be identified		