

# Hinton Blewett Parish Council

## ACTION PLAN for 2017 – update (additions highlighted)

Action	Notes	Costs	Due date	September update
Stones on Barbury	It had been agreed (and budgeted) that large stones will be purchased and placed on the lower corners of the dividing road to stop large vehicles driving over the edges.	No longer applicable  TBC (minimal)	No longer applicable  January 2018	With the Quarry now closed meaning that there are no longer the larger lorries coming through the village it is felt that this is no longer an issue to pursue. <b>COMPLETE</b> Smaller stones are required for area outside Rectory to prevent parking. This is being followed up.
Enhancement of the Village Pound	At the PC meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> September it was agreed that a project would be started to protect and enhance the Village Pound. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the tree, weed-spray the nettles which seem to be on the edge</li> <li>Erect stronger post/stones on edge</li> <li>Possibility of an Interpretative sign</li> <li>With tree and nettles gone try again to encourage wild flowers. Soil samples taken by Avon Wildlife Trust to ascertain suitability for wild flowers.</li> <li>On the advice of Avon Wildlife Trust regularly cut the grass to keep back the nettles.</li> </ul>	£100 (suggested) plus budget for ongoing grass cutting (£50)	Autumn 2017	Regular strimming has taken place this year. Residents have offered to help. Plan to get together a working party. Also there is the possibility of funds from the Community Empowerment Fund. The straggly willow will be removed, it is hoped that this will be done FOC. Then wild flower and herb seeds will be purchased and sown. It is hoped that this part of the process will be complete by the Autumn and that there will be no need for a working party at this stage. <b>IN PROGRESS</b>
Vegetation clearance in PS Stile view	Following the refurbishment of Prospect Stile viewpoint, the Duchy of Cornwall has been approached to agree to clearance of some excess vegetation which currently hinders the view of the lake etc.	No cost to PC.	Spring 2017 Autumn 2017	Completed mid-September.  <b>COMPLETE</b>
Achieve Local Councils Award Scheme Foundation status	A plan of action has been put in place. Relevant additional policies were agreed at PC on 28 <sup>th</sup> September. This Action Plan to be agreed and reviewed 6-monthly. Relevant resolutions to be put to Parish Council in January/March and Foundation Award status to be applied for in April 2017.	£100 to be budgeted in 2017-8	July 2017	Award confirmed on 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2017. Logos now displayed on headed stationary and website. Press Release sent out. The costs of £50 for registration with NALC and £50 for Panel fees to WALC have been paid. <b>COMPLETE.</b>

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Speeding in the village	This issue has been revisited a number of times with varying results. The current suggestion is to investigate the possibility of a compulsory 30mph through the village.	0	Closed for now.	B&NES has voted not to support installation of mandatory 20 mph limits, which means that a new limit for the village is not possible at the present time. Although a 30mph could be considered it is suggested that this is likely to lead to greater speeding. <b>COMPLETE</b>
Planning Training for all Councillors and Clerk	It has been an aspiration of the PC for some years to receive some bespoke planning training for all councillors and the Clerk to better inform the discussions of Planning meetings. ALCA now offers specialised planning training but only in specific sessions at a cost of £95 per person. It is hoped that this course could be brought to the area and tailored specifically to the local parishes.	Anything from £200-760. To be negotiated.	Complete.	The training took place on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August. Cost was £200 plus hire of hall £10.  <b>COMPLETE</b>
Village Litter Pick	A success in previous years, continue this annual event.	0	January 2018	To be advertised nearer the time. <b>ONGOING.</b>
Preservation/enhancement of Conservation Area views	CAA notes that key views should be protected and enhanced. Consideration to be given to raising height of the lower branches of the oak tree on Barbary and to reducing/removing trees planted along Cam Brook as part of a Wansdyke DC initiative back in 1994/5. It would need co-operation of landowners.	Local tree surgeon might undertake work FoC	ongoing	The oak tree was attended to November 2016. Work to improve the view through the trees along the Cam is ongoing. Advice and costs have been sought from an expert. Consultation with landowners and the community taking place October onwards. <b>IN PROGRESS</b>
No Parking sign	A new No Parking sign is to be installed at the top of Litton Lane to address dangerous parking and obstruction on this junction.	£50-100	Winter 2017	Ongoing. A robust, tamper-proof sign is in progress. <b>IN PROGRESS</b>
Police update	Following discussion with another Parish to ask the Neighbourhood Policing Team to bring an annual update to the Parish Council.	0	April 2017	The Police were not able to attend the APM but they sent an update. <b>COMPLETE</b>

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Works to provide parking on the Barbury	In collaboration with the landlords of the Ring O Bells to square up the area of the Barbury on which cars park to encourage all cars to park at right angles to maximise parking spaces.	To be negotiated with the pub.	Spring 2017.	The pub was invited to submit proposed plans but have not done so. Assume that suggestion is no longer to be pursued. <b>CLOSED</b>
Parish Council provision of services for elderly in the home	In consideration of devolved services and the Parish Council's consideration for residents of the Parish it is suggested that future care provision could be made by the Parish Council for services to the elderly in their homes. An idea to put forward to ALCA/NALC.	TBC	Ongoing.	No further update at the present time.  <b>ONGOING</b>
Dark skies initiative	In line with the Neighbourhood Plan policy, to pursue a dark skies policy for existing housing in the village.	TBC (minimal)	Ongoing.	No further update at the present time. <b>ONGOING</b>
Ragwort clearance	Local farmers contacted in 2015 and reminded in 2016 re removal of ragwort to prevent seeding. In 2017 PC to clear ragwort from village approach roads	Budget £180 for clearance		Opportunity to follow up with complaint to DEFRA with any farmer (previously notified) who does not comply. Check for non-compliant farm land. Ragwort was checked along approach roads in July but recent verge trimming had successfully removed all traces. <b>COMPLETE BUT TO BE REPEATED ANNUALLY</b>
Playing Field equipment	Prompted by the Residents' Survey the PFMC has been looking at suggestions to revitalise the Playing Field. It is hoped that some seating and sheltered seating can be sourced. Cost to be covered by donations gathered by Village Hall Committee, Parish Council earmarked reserves and grant from B&NES.	TBC	ongoing	Costs agreed at Parish Council, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. Grant funding from B&NES to be sought and then purchases to go ahead.

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Maintenance of the Barbury	To improve the look of the Barbury the PC asked if the contractor (B&NES) might increase the regularity of cuts or remove cuttings when cutting. This is possible and we are awaiting costings from B&NES. Possibility of gathering alternative quotes as well.	TBC to inform 2018-19 budget	January 2018	

<b>Reviewed by Parish Council</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>Reviewed by Parish Council</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>Date of new review</b>	January 2018