

Preston Richard Community Plan (CP) 2015

The Way Forward

This document is the results of a questionnaire asking the community how they want the parish to grow and develop in the future. It contains the action plan recording the goals and ideas and suggestions on how these can be achieved.

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Executive Summary

Background

This Community Plan (CP) was born out of a need to understand what people needed and wanted for our community. Prior to the Plan when it came to decision making there was no reference point or consensus of opinion when dealing with County, District, Parish Councils or any other working partners and therefore decisions were being made on the opinions of the few.

By creating this CP all members of the community have been given the opportunity to make their views known on all aspects of community life thus giving them a voice in decisions affecting our future. We are going to see big changes in our community in the coming years due to, the Localism Bill, building developments and the possibility of a Unitary governing body replacing the County and District Councils all of which will contribute to many powers being devolved to the local level of Parish Councils. For these reasons the CP is an important part of our future wellbeing as responsibility is given to the people who live and work in the community.

Key elements of its success

The CP is a living document which will continue to be driven by the Community Plan Working Group (WG) and reviewed annually at the 'Annual Parish Meet' held every April in the Village Hall by the Parish Council. During this review progress will be monitored and new considerations will be discussed and it is hoped the community will come along and be part of this process, as without community input it will cease to be a true CP.

The questionnaire has provided clear and substantial evidence of what the priority issues are for the community and helped identify key Community Programs which are either already in place or being planned to be introduced in the early part of this year. These include initiatives such as, Litter Picking, Speed Watch, Neighbourhood Watch and Community in Bloom.

However, if members of the community have any new matters which are not covered by the CP they are encouraged to attend a Parish Council (PC) meeting where this will be reviewed.

Missions Statement

Now the plan is launched this is not the end but the beginning as it is hoped everyone will read the plan and be involved in updating, monitoring and helping with achieving the goals contained within, by working together we can build a better community. It is hoped it will protect our environment and the heritage of the parish whilst respecting the need for progress and change.

Why we completed the Plan

Over recent years and particularly with the implementation of the Localism Act 2011, central government has devolved more power and right of decision to residents, local authorities and other bodies. For this to work the wishes and opinions of local people need to be fully understood.

The PC recognised that a CP would give them insight into the community's needs and expectations for now and the future and provides an opportunity to put those views when being consulted on major issues such as the nature of the local housing and business developments planned for the village. The PC set up a WG of Councillors and residents who were tasked to create a plan that as far as possible represented the wishes of the local community.

The Parish presently comprises 535 dwellings and a further 125 are designated in Endmoor in the current SLDC Local Plan as well as a significant industrial development in Gatebeck Lane. The CP gives the PC and or members of the Steering Group the assurance when attending any future development discussion they are putting forward the community's views on what they expect for the future not just the Parish Councils views and possible concerns. A copy of the Planned Development Areas in the Parish is attached at Appendix 1. This CP which was agreed by the PC at the February 2015 council meeting provides them with a clear list of actions many of which will be delegated to the WG and some of which have already been implemented or are being worked upon. The list has been prioritised although it is understood that some required are conditional upon others approval / actions.

The first full meeting of the WG took place on April 2014 when a project plan was drawn up with targeted completion for March 2015, which has been achieved.

How we completed the Plan

Throughout the process we were keen to ensure active participation of the Community and used a 'flash survey' as part of the joint work undertaken with Preston Patrick PC in which we asked respondents to Tell Us:

- * One thing you like about your area in which you live?
- * One thing you dislike about your area in which you live?
- * One improvement you would like to see in the area in which you live?

There were 87 responses, 9 of those from outside the Parish. The responses showed that people valued the Scenery & Environment; Community; Quietness; Friendliness; and the School & Park.

Significantly people disliked Speeding & Traffic; Lack of Public Transport; Highway Problems; Dog Fouling; Litter; and the Lack of things to do / involvement.

The things that the respondents would like to change were Activities for Children / Teenagers; Community Activities; Speed Reduction Methods; Public Transport; and litter bins / organised litter picks.

This formed that basis of the action areas to be considered by the Steering Group. In March there was a leaflet drop to every house explaining the objectives of the plan and looking for ideas and volunteers. Various functions in the village were attended to start to gather the community's key issues in support of the previous survey, and during the summer of 2014 the team started to develop an outline plan. Monthly open meetings of the WG were held to refine the main issues which were to be the subject of a formal questionnaire to go to all household and businesses in the parish. Throughout the preparatory period the community was kept informed by means of the parish web site, the Westmorland Gazette, noticeboards and newsletters.

Work on identifying the main issues was supported and reinforced by the feedback from an informal "drop in day" at the Endmoor Village Hall held on 22 September 2014 to which all members of the parish, representatives of local organisations and businesses were invited. The objectives of the day to ensure that as many people as possible had the chance to ask questions and to share their own ideas and concerns to enable the team to develop an accurate and meaningful questionnaire which would be delivered to every dwelling in the parish.

A list of local community organisations that were consulted and invited to contribute during in the course of the preparation of this CP is attached in the Acknowledgements section.

The Steering Group received advice and guidance from the staff at ACT, SLDC and from members of the Natland Steering Group who shared with us some of the practical experiences they encountered as they put together their CP

On 25 October the Questionnaire was made available on-line and delivered to all households in the Parish. All entries needed to be returned by Sunday 9th November when the on-line version was closed.

209 Questionnaires were completed (representing a 35% response rate) of which 162 were in hard copy and 48 online. During the course of the two week consultation period there were some 599 hits on the PC website.

The coverage of where respondents lived within the Parish was also representative:

| Location | Responses to the Questionnaire | Percentage of Questionnaires completed |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Crooklands | 12 | 6% |
| Endmoor | 111 | 53% |
| Low Park | 61 | 31% |
| Milton | 6 | 3% |
| Summerlands | 7 | 3% |
| Other | 12 | 4% |
| | 209 | 100% |

The PC recognises that for this plan to be meaningful it must be regularly reviewed and updated as actions are delivered and as the issues and factors influencing the Parish change. With this in mind the PC undertake to review the CP on an annual basis. It is also important to continue to maintain the community involvement that has been generated in the course of constructing this plan and with that in mind the PC will deliver a response to the community in the form of a “You Said - We Did” campaign outlining the delivery of the action plan. It is proposed the WG members together with the PC review the plan in the Spring ready for the Annual Parish Meet in April, member of the public can attend and hear firsthand the results and for those unable to attend a report will be placed on the noticeboard and web site post the meeting.

During the period the membership of the Steering Group has flexed as members of the community gave freely of their time and expertise as required. Details of those who contributed to the Steering Group are listed in the acknowledgements section. Many of these members will become members of the WG involved in implementing the plan.

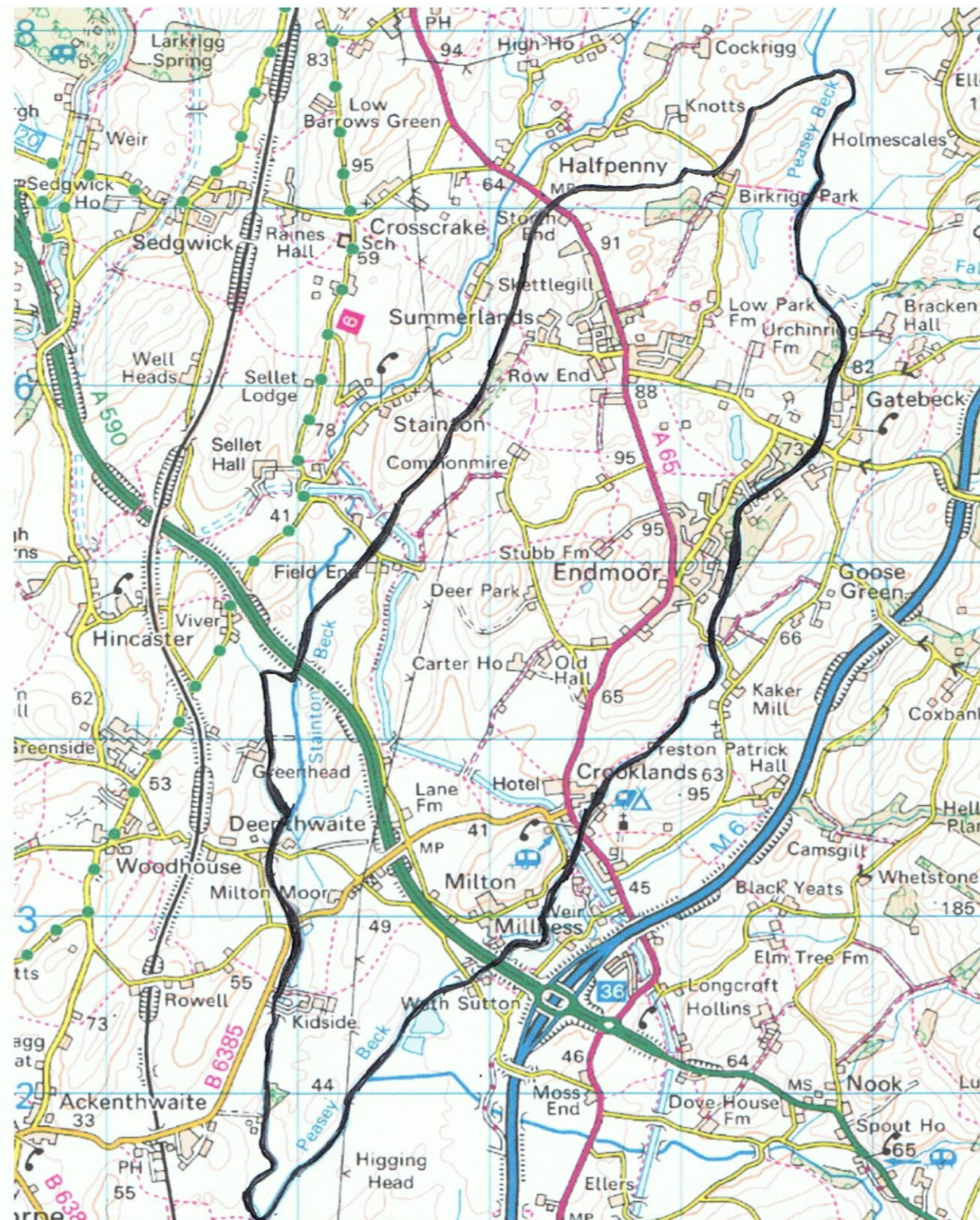
Preston Richard - The Parish

The parish covers 864 hectares and is located at the southern end of South Lakeland, approximately 6 miles south of Kendal and 8 miles to the west of Kirkby Lonsdale, in a working landscape of low drumlins and regular field patterns. The map shows the Parish boundaries. The parish primarily comprises a series of rural lanes and a few minor roads. Access to the M6 is

approximately 5 miles south of the village. The A65 passes through Preston Richard from Kirkby Lonsdale to Kendal.

There is a 567 bus service along the A65 (7 per weekday) between Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale, two of the local Key Service Centres, some are routed through Endmoor to Oxenholme Railway Station. There is a basic bus service connecting Endmoor to Milnthorpe.

The challenges in a rural location, such as ours, include housing development and jobs for local people, the costs and availability of public transport and access to services e.g. doctors, chemists, dentists etc..



Currently approx. 50% of dwelling are in the village of Endmoor, where facilities include a primary school, play park for young children, tennis courts, football pitch/playing field, village hall an outdoor bowling club, village shop, bakery, a social club and a public house. The village hall

houses the Outreach Post Office and when required the Polling Station. There are also housing developments at Low Park and Summerlands, and hamlets at Crooklands, Milton, Woodhouse and Deer Park, in addition to working farms and isolated dwellings. Its business premises are mainly located at Summerlands Industrial Estate, Endmoor and Crooklands.

Within the Parish there are several holiday caravan sites of varying sizes which cater for holiday makers, holiday homes and second home owners these having access all year round with exception of two week annually.

In the adjacent parish of Preston Patrick there is a petrol filling station and church patronised by the local community.

Parish Demographics

At the time of the 2011 Census the population of the Parish was 1,305 comprising 535 households (of which were 15 second homes). The population was made up as follows and the percentage breakdown is compared against the average for England.

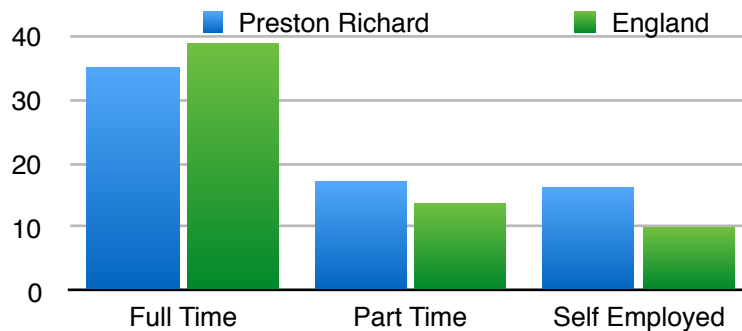
| | Number | % of total in the Parish | % of total in England |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Children under 16 | 225 | 17.2% | 18.9% |
| Working Age Adults | 800 | 61.3% | 64.7% |
| Over 65s | 280 | 21.5% | 16.3% |
| Total | 1305 | | |

In comparison with the average figures for England the Parish has an older population and 515 64.4% of our working age adults were aged between 40 & 65.

Economic activity within the households in the Parish is generally higher that for the average for England.

| | Number | % of total in the Parish | % of total in England |
|--|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Economically Active Residents (people aged 16-74) | 697 | 72.2% | 69.9% |
| Economically Inactive Residents (people aged 16-74) | 268 | 27.8% | 30.1% |
| | 965 | | |

The percentage of those actively unemployment in the Parish against the average for England is illustrated in the chart below and highlights a greater percentage of part time and self employed that the average.



History of the Parish

The Parish has a history from the time of the Roman occupation when the Roman road from Cowan Bridge to the Roman Camp at Water Crook passed through Preston Richard. The name PRESTON is derived from PRIEST TOWN and was divided into two villages – Preston Richard and Preston Patrick. At the time of the Norman Conquest Preston Richard was known as Preston Ucthred. Warth Sudden near Milton appears in the Domesday Survey and there are documents concerning Preston Richard stored in the County Hall which bear the seal of Queen Elizabeth I.

A long succession of possessors of the name of Richard de Preston owned this manor for upwards of two hundred years and several of them were knights, but the Preston family of Holker having failed in male issue, sold it to Sir John Lowther, from whom nearly all the tenants purchased their enfranchisement in 1679.

Near the old Hall, which was the ancient manor house, is a farm still called the Deer Park; there is also another park at Birkrigg, where is a place denominated the Sepulchre, being a deserted Quaker's burial ground. About a century ago, a very ancient "hammerhead of stone" was dug up at Endmoor, and in 1770 was given by the vicar of the parish to Trinity College, Cambridge.

Ephraim Chambers was born in Milton in 1680. In 1728 he published Chambers Encyclopaedia in two volumes. He was buried in Westminster Abbey in 1740

The Lancaster canal which passes through the Parish from Crooklands to Field End, was built between 1815-1818 and at the time cost £600,000.

There are few remains of the Gunpowder Works built by the Wakefield family to replace their works at Old Sedgwick, which was built/operational 1851-1936 which lines both banks of the Peasey Beck between Endmoor and Gatebeck. The factory was originally simply Gatebeck, but became Gatebeck Low Works after 1896 when new plant - Gatebeck High Works - was erected on a virgin site to the north. In 1876 a tramway was built connecting the works to a wharf on the Lancaster Canal and to Milnthorpe railway station. The factory initially had its own sawmill, but in 1880 a separate cooperage/sawmill complex was erected outside Gatebeck village; the old sawmill still survives. In 1917 Wakefield's merged with the Nobel Organisation which became ICI, but falling orders led to eventual closure. As required by law, many buildings were dismantled and/or burned to ensure no explosives remained. In WW2 the site was requisitioned by Army Engineers, and between 1956 and 1968 was used for Civil Defence Training. Although much of the works has since been redeveloped into two caravan parks and an industrial unit, surviving features at the southern end of Millbrook Caravan Park are a weir and a large mill race from which smaller leats

ran to provide power for waterwheels and turbines within separate process buildings also survives down the east edge of the Park.

Summary of the CP Questionnaire Results

Results and Findings from the Questionnaire across the 5 key areas are set out below.

Traffic and Travel

It came as no surprise that traffic speeding, particularly on the A65 through and beyond the village boundary, was a major issue for 159 respondents (76% of those who responded to the question). The Speedwatch facility is improving matters, but the WG proposes priority action on other traffic calming measures, we are informed the 40 mph limit on the A65 will be extended to include the new M41M housing development however the WG will ask for this to be extended to the junction with Gatebeck Lane and for traffic calming measures to be put in place at that junction. We will also ask for a 40mph limit on Gatebeck Lane.

Various dangerous junctions have been identified and actions proposed to increase road safety. It is accepted that the extensive list of improvements is ambitious and we recognise that prioritisation will be required in discussions with various Highways Authority. The Action Plan identifies a need for the completion of the footpath along the A65 at Crooklands

Housing development in the village will exacerbate the irksome parking issues raised. It is proposed that discussions will take place on the environmental aspect of the M41M Development, being the largest site. A Development Brief for this site will be drawn up for discussions between SLDC, the developer and the Parish Council; this is not to say that members of the public cannot have their say at that time direct to SLDC Planning Department. The R670 AND EN20 & EN33 sites will follow the normal planning application process. The Action Plan also proposes introduction of pavements in Gatebeck Lane to moderate road safety dangers from increased traffic as a result of proposed business park developments.

The questionnaire highlighted the very significant dependence on cars in the Parish, reinforcing the importance of improving the current bus services.

New Housing and Business Developments

The next 3 to 8 years will see two major housing developments (Appendix 1 Development Map) adjacent to Sycamore (M41M) and Dove Nest Lane (R670). The questionnaire analysis confirmed that there was major concern regarding the density of dwelling on these sites and considerable nervousness concerning design and materials to be used which need to be an improvement on the existing Sycamore Close. The provision of adequate screening, green space and landscaping on all sides is believed to be very important as is the protection of the local environment including sympathetic use of the drumlins. The analysis also showed that there is serious concern about the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWtW) which are already running at full capacity and what investment will be made to enable the network to support the new dwellings. Safe access and footpath/cycle-ways to the school also figured strongly.

There was a strong correlation with the above results when the findings for the new business development were examined, particularly in respect of design, use of materials and protection of the environment. In addition there are major concerns regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety along Gatebeck Lane as a result of any increase in HGV traffic and more generally the impact it will have on the dangerous junction with Low Park Lane and further on at the A65 junction.

Environment

One of the most striking results from the analysis of responses is the consistency of strong feelings (circa 90%) to maintain the following in any developments in the village: -

- Environment
- Rural location
- Wild life, trees and flora
- Peace and Tranquility
- Public footpaths and bridleways
- Diversity of landscape

Strong positive feeling was evident regarding the important need to take steps to curb dog fouling. This is a significant issue not only for footpaths but the risk it presents to livestock and has figured in PC discussions.

There was evident support for more litter bins and action is already in hand to organise regular litter picks.

The somewhat dispersed nature of the Parish results in a reduced sense of community and cohesion. The WG, prompted by a high level of support has already set in hand planning for tree and flower planting as well as allotments or communal gardens.

The village currently has no recycling facilities.

Community Life and Identity

The belief gained from 12 months of activity by the WG is that the village lacks cohesion and a community spirit this was reinforced by analysis of the questionnaire, but encouragingly there were many suggestions for improving this. An enhanced sense of identity could be achieved by improved signage, reinforcing awareness of the Parish's industrial heritage (gunpowder manufacture). Many suggestions for new communal activities were put forward but without effective lines of communication (e.g. PC website, use of Westmorland Gazette, a regular Parish Newsletter) these would probably founder.

A welcome pack will assist in encouraging new residents (including those in the proposed new housing) to participate in the community. The proposed development could add 350 new village residents justifying such an initiative.

Over the years a number of community services have been lost. Only 51% of respondents (107) felt fairly satisfied with existing services, prompting the need to investigate the possibility of providing a doctor's surgery and a full time post office. Proposed developments could add 350 new village residents justifying such an initiative.

Broadband and Energy

Broadband

A substantial proportion of respondents, 80% (165) already used the Internet, but the WG felt it was worthwhile raising the awareness of connection possibilities for non-users. Investigation of upgrade options (e.g. fibre optic) was thought to be a reasonable step forward, although 43% of respondents were unwilling to pay extra.

Energy

There was a moderate response supporting new cost- saving energy schemes within the village, which in the medium term would merit further investigation. Power outages were listed as a

problem by 43% of respondents and future action will involve liaising with suppliers as to how to resolve them. Wastewater and sewerage issues were a concern for a small number of respondents so the WG will have discussions with United Utilities. It should be noted that an improved treatment facility is a pre-condition of any further major development in the village.

Action areas

Below is summary of the findings from each of the areas covered in the questionnaire, an action plan has been drawn up detailing how we intend to address any concerns or influence outcomes, this can be found later in this document.

New Housing and Business Developments

- The infrastructure needs to be upgraded before any new developments are considered.
- All new developments to provide safe access for pedestrians, cyclist and motor vehicles and to the school.
- The design of new developments needs to be in keeping with local architecture and character of the area with adequate off road parking.
- New developments should have adequate Green spaces and screening and make maximum use of the topology of the sites to blend in with the local area.
- The density of housing ideally needs to be in keeping with the rest of the village.

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Environment

- Preservation of the rural environment.
- The reduction of dog fouling.
- Reduction of litter with community litter picks & more bins.
- Community gardening programs.
- Local recycling facilities to be improved.

Community Life and Identity

- Improved communication to the community of key information and what events are taking place.
- More events for the community across all age groups.
- Building a stronger identity for the community.
- More key services e.g. doctor's surgery.

Broadband and Energy

- Investigation of new energy schemes
- Reduction in power outages
- Raised awareness of Internet connection possibilities

Next Steps

This CP will be the subject of regular review and reporting to the PC by the WG. It will constitute a major item of the agenda of the Annual Parish Meet held each April through a WG presentation. During its creation it has become obvious that it is up to the whole community to pull together and participate in initiatives and in particular those defined in the Action Plan contained within this document otherwise momentum will be lost. Volunteers will be needed to manage many areas of the CP and the aim would be to tap into special knowledge and experience.

Acknowledgements

Steering Group

The PC would like to give grateful thanks to those members of the community who gave freely of their time and experience to make the output of this CP so successful.

The PC would also like to thank the staff at ACT for their support and guidance in the process and to Lois Sparling of Natland who shared with us some of the practical experiences encountered by Natland PC when they put together their CP

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Contacts & Volunteering

Should you wish to volunteer to help with any aspect of the plan please see the parish web site <http://www.prestonrichard.co.uk/> or noticeboards for details or contact any member of the WG.

Glossary of terms

Acronyms

| | |
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| ACT | ACTion with Communities in Cumbria |
| BT | British Telecomm |
| CRT | Canal & River Trust |
| CP | Community Plan |
| CALC | Cumbria Association of Local Councils |
| CCC | Cumbria County Council |
| ENW | Electricity North West |
| LCT | Lancaster Canal Trust |
| Parish | Preston Richard Parish |
| PC | Preston Richard Parish Council |
| SLDC | South Lakeland District Council |
| UU | United Utilities |
| WG | Community Plan Working Group |

General Future Development / Planning Applications

| Theme | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority (1-5) | Timescale | Resources |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------|-----------|---|
| New planning applications | New planning applications should be in keeping with the surrounding architecture, with specific awareness of spatial proximity, local landscape and character of village, with adequate off road parking as rural bus services do not meet the needs of the public. | Parish Council to review plans | Ensure attention is paid to pre application bids and plans are reviewed at Parish Council meetings and the public are aware of the plans via noticeboards , web site, Facebook etc. | SLDC Planning Dept. Parish Council Local transport providers. | 5 | 2015 | PC, SLDC web sites Council Meetings, Members of CP WG |

Housing & New Business Development under Land Allocation

| Theme | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority (1-5) | Timescale | Resources |
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| New Housing Development (Density) | Density of houses on M41M and R670 sites needs to be reduced and should be in keeping with the character of village and local landscape. The density should be reduced to less than the Sycamore development which is too dense. | <p>a) Work with SLDC and developers to reduce the proposed density of housing.</p> <p>b) Consider self-build for M41M</p> <p>c) Discuss R670 at the pre application stage.</p> | <p>PC & WG engaged with SLDC planning department & Developers on:-</p> <p>a) & b) Development Brief for Sycamore Close site M41M</p> <p>c) Community Engagement Planning process</p> | <p>PC & CP WG SLDC & Story Homes/ Developers</p> <p>United Utilities</p> <p>Cumbria County Council</p> | 5 | 2015-2017 | PC WG, SLDC Planning Dept. |

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| New Housing Development (Design) | Building design to take account of the local landscape and be in sympathy with rural style. Incorporating adequate off road parking | Ensure the developers and planning department are aware of the concerns on any future sites and the Development Brief for M41M reflects and includes these requirements & in line with the Material Planning considerations. M41M development to protect & preserve the Drumlin in NW corner. | Discuss during Development Brief meetings and pre application meeting. | PC & WG SLDC, Developers United Utilities CCC | 4 | 2015-2017 | PC WG, SLDC Planning Dept. |
| | Adequate Green spaces and screening on all sites. M41M Building line to be back off the road starting with bungalows to allow roof line to follow topology of the sites. | M41M development to protect & preserve the Drumlin in NW corner. Allotments and/or green space adjacent to Sycamore Close. All other future sites to be dealt with at pre application stage | PC & WG to engage with SLDC planning department & Developers. CIL money to be used for on-going maintenance of green spaces | PC & WG SLDC, Developers | 4 | 2015-2017 | PC WG, SLDC Planning Dept. |

| <p>New Housing Development (safety/ services & usage)</p> | <p>M41M & R670 Safe access routes for cars, cyclist & pedestrians, with direct cycle and footpath links to school and village.</p> | <p>Create footpaths, cycleways & safety crossings to school, on Gatebeck Road and through M41M development through to Low Park and Summerlands. Crossings over the A65 for pedestrians. Avoid a string of entrances/exits along the A65. Discuss Junction & congestion safety for R670</p> | <p>PC & WG to engaged with SLDC Planning department & Developers at Development brief discussions and pre application meetings</p> | <p>PC & WG SLDC. SLDC will consider transport implications of each of the site allocations seeking advice from. Police Authority and CCC Highways</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>2015-2017</p> | <p>PC WG, Planning Dept.</p> |
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| <p>New Housing Development (safety/ services & usage)</p> | <p>Water, electricity and roads infrastructure needs upgrading to support any new build Safe access routes for cars, cyclist & pedestrians, with direct cycle and footpath links to school and village</p> | <p>Upgraded WWtW plants needs to be in place prior to any new developments. Electricity supply needs upgrading to be more reliable either during or before plans are drawn up. Roads calming measures to accommodate new development. 30 MPH limit needs to be extended beyond the entrance(s) to M41M during development and afterwards.</p> | <p>PC & WG to meet with developers and/or UU to see what is to be done</p> | <p>UU, PC& WG SLDC</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>2015-2017</p> | |

| | Need to provide sufficient affordable properties for local families & Bungalows for the elderly in line with the character of the village. | Affordable Housing – Current policy requires a minimum of 35% of total number of houses are affordable on new developments and need to promote Bungalows | PC & WG engaged with SLDC Planning dept. on Development Brief or pre application stage | PC & WG SLDC | 5 | 2015-2017 2015 | PC & WG SLDC Planning Dept. |
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| | Limit the risk of too many holiday homes and second homes in the parish. | Request a review of planning policy to include a policy clause on new builds for “Local Connection - Occupancy” Encourage SLDC & Developers to implement 35% affordable housing on new developments and promote Bungalows | Parish Council and WG to contact SLDC Planning Department to ask for a policy review | PC WG SLDC Planning Dept. | 5 | 2015-2017 | |
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| | Safer access for vehicles joining or leaving A65 at Gatebeck Lane junction, at Low Park Lane Gatebeck Lane Junction and safe access for pedestrians along Gatebeck Lane | <p>a) Improved road junction onto A65</p> <p>b) Improve road junction at Low Park Lane/ Gatebeck Lane</p> <p>c) Provision of permanent or permissive pathways along Gatebeck Lane</p> <p>d) Extend speed limit on A65 to Parish Boundary</p> | Speak with CCC Highways | PC & WG, SLDC Planning Dept. & CCC SLDC who will consider transport implications seeking advice from. Police Authority and CCC Highways | 5 | When plans are submitted | |

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| New Business Development | Building design and landscaping to be in sympathy with local landscape & rural location. | To be discussed at pre application stage. | SLDC and PC provide community with timely advance notice of any new developments on PC & SLDC web sites | PC & WG SLDC Developers | 4 | When plans are submitted | PC & WG SLDC CCC |
| | Provides local employment in the parish | As the EN20&33 sites are designated in the Core Strategy Framework as a site for 'local employment site' it is incumbent on the planners and developers to ensure this happens. Monitor plans to promote appropriate developments providing employment for local residents. | Meet with SLDC and developers to discuss planning proposals | PC & WG SLDC Planning Dept. | 4 | When plans are submitted | PC & WG SLDC, |
| | Supported with better local transport | Issue needs to be raised with CCC and Local Transport Providers such as Stagecoach to ensure consideration of improved bus service services review. | Contact CCC, Stagecoach and any other willing transport provider | CCC, transport providers | 4 | On-going | PC & WG SLDC, CCC |

Traffic & Travel Action Plan

| Theme | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority | Timescale | Resources |
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| Traffic & Travel | Improve Road Safety with Speed Reduction Measure | <p>Review with authorities how to improve road safety with the aid of:-</p> <p>a) Speed Indicator Devices</p> <p>b) 30mph painted on red tarmac road surface</p> <p>c) Fixed Speed Cameras,</p> <p>d) Weight restrictions on Gatebeck Lane & Gatebeck Road</p> <p>e) Addition of new 30mph sign opposite clock on northbound verge</p> <p>f) Village entrances to have ornamental gates and island to calm traffic</p> <p>g) Extend 30 mph to include access road for M41M building site contractors. Speed limit Policy LA2.14 specifies urban speed limit (30-40mph) on the A65 past the North of Sycamore Drive site will need to be extended.</p> | Work with SLDC and Highways | Police Authority, CCC Highways | 5 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG SLDC, CCC |
| | Village requires new speed limits | <p>Review with authorities how we can implement:-</p> <p>a) Gatebeck Lane 30mph</p> <p>b) Low Park Lane 20mph</p> <p>c) Woodside Road (20 is plenty)</p> <p>d) Extend Crooklands 40mph limit on A5 up to Endmoor</p> <p>e) Introduce 40mph limit on A65 from north of Endmoor to just past Summerlands junction</p> | WG discuss with SLDC our concerns. SLDC to seek from appropriate organisations | Police Authority, CCC Highways, | 5 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG SLDC, CCC |

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| | Speedwatch program | Speedwatch Team to:- a) Increase public awareness b) Partnership with police c) Communicate benefits & advantages d) Communicate results regularly | Promote via various methods Gazette Parish website Facebook | PC & CP Police | 4 | 2015 | PC & WG Speedwatch Team |
| | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority | Timescale | Resources |
| | Road junctions identified as dangerous and requiring attention | Improve the safety on the following junctions:- a) Gatebeck Lane & A65, b) Low Park Lane & Gatebeck Lane, c) Enyeats Road & Woodside Road d) Crooklands bridge problems with HGV traffic | a) b) c) Development Brief discussions c) Further discussed during planning application for the R670 site. d) with SLDC A590 / B6385 Junction Options Study. | PC CCC, SLDC Highways & Highway Agency | 4 | 2015 onwards | SLDC, CCC, Highways Agency, PC & WG |
| Traffic & Travel | Insufficient parking | Village shop layby | Possibility of extending layby or use of Club Inn car park | Parish Council, Highways, Club Inn | 2 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG |

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| | Problems with Parked vehicles | <p>a) Review with authorities how to extend yellow H bar in Woodside Rd for children safety</p> <p>b) General review of parking and access for emergency vehicles in:</p> <p>i) Low Park and Low Park Lane,</p> <p>ii) Enyeats Road,</p> <p>iii) Dove Nest Lane</p> | Engage with PC | PC, Police, CCC Highways | 2 | 2015 | PC |
| | Additional footpaths required | <p>Review with CCC Highways and SLDC ways to provide safe footpaths:-</p> <p>a) Gatebeck Lane introduce:</p> <p>i) Speed limits</p> <p>ii) Future ways to limit H.G.V. traffic</p> <p>iii) Safe access for children to get to school</p> <p>b) Crooklands - Availability of the land on the bend for permanent or permissive path</p> | Discuss with PC, CCC Highways & Landowners | PC CCC Landowner Highways Agency | 5 | 2015 | PC & WG |
| | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority | Timescale | Resources |
| Traffic & Travel | Insufficient and infrequent buses | <p>a) Identify where improvements are required.</p> <p>b) Discussions to improve bus service and include a Sunday service</p> | <p>a) Working Group to identify need.</p> <p>b) Parish Council to review with SLDC & Stagecoach</p> | WG PC Stagecoach, Local service providers | 3 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG |

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| Highways flooding & potholes | <p>a) Flooding outside village shop area</p> <p>b) General condition of roads and potholes</p> | <p>a) & b) should be reported to CCC Highways Hotline (0845-609-6609). By anyone finding them</p> | CCC Highways Hotline | 3 | 2015 | PC CCC Public |
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| Environment Action Plan | | | | | | | |
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| Pre ser vati on | Preservation of the rural environment, landscape and its drumlins | Local plan policy includes policy for protection and enhancement of landscape and settlement character. This issue must be considered when assessing any planning application. Issue will be covered through development brief/pre application process | PC & WG to attend Develop Brief meetings and give input to pre application discussions | PC & WG SLDC | 5 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG SLDC Developers |
| | Issues | Actions | How to tackle it | Lead Organisation & Partners | Priority | Timescales | Resources |
| | More verge maintenance. Care taken on tree pruning Village Hall garden and Tennis Courts. | <p>a) Working parties to plant bulbs, design, implement & maintain village hall garden.</p> <p>b) Grass cutting around Village Hall/Tennis Courts etc. to external contract.</p> <p>c) Employ tree surgeon for trees.</p> | <p>a) Volunteers to form gardening team.</p> <p>b) Employ grass cutting service</p> <p>c) Obtain quotes from tree surgeons</p> | PC & WG | 2 | 2015-2016 | PC & WG |

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| Investigate feasibility of local recycling facilities | As some residents do not have a car local recycling would be useful. Enquire if The Club Inn or the village hall car park could host this service? Investigate the opportunity for this to be included in the Development Brief for M41M? | PC & WG to approach all the suggested parties | PC & WG | 2 | 2015-2016 | PC & WG |
| Lack of street & drain cleaning particularly at Milton. Better verge maintenance at road ends | <p>a) Need to inform SLDC/CCC of problems regarding drains</p> <p>b) Verges and hedges to be kept clear at road ends.</p> | <p>a) Community need to report street or drain cleaning problems to Highways Hotline (0845-609-6609)</p> <p>b) Report to Lengthsman SLDC, CCC to keep road ends clear as appropriate</p> | CCC Highways Hotline, SLDC PC | 4 | 2015 | PC CCC Highways Hotline |
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| Public Gardens | Flower & bulb planting on verges, planting of native trees only, wild flowers popular. Communal Gardens and Allotments | <p>a) Volunteers needed to put forward suggestions & for planting of bulbs. Ask PC to pay for materials, working party to implement and maintain with support from the Lengthsman</p> <p>b) Parish Council to continue to look for appropriate land for use as allotment and communal gardens and consider possibilities for including these in new developments</p> | Parish Council, Developers, community volunteers | PC & WG | 3 | 2015-2016 | PC & WG volunteers |
| | Canal path upkeep and improvements to canal | All users to inspect path and canal for problems or suggestions of improvements and report to Working Group or Parish Council | All reports to be given to Parish Council for discussion with Canal & River Trust. Volunteers for help improve matters | PC Canal & River Trust Lancaster Canal Trust | 2 | 2015 onwards | Canal & River Trust, Lancaster Canal Trust, PC & WG |
| | Careful maintenance of verges to protect wildlife | Community to identify concerns and find an expert on the concerns to help | Report to Parish Council or Working Group | Community Parish Council & Working Group | 2 | 2015 | Community to report PC or WG |

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| Litter Picking | Lack of litter picking. No regular litter picks. Litter bins needed | <p>a) Establish a litter picking group. Parish Council to obtain 4 litter picking tools to loan to walkers as requested.</p> <p>b) Working Group to ask for volunteers to organise 2 litter picking events annually. Spring and Autumn. Parish Council to borrow tools and Hi Viz vests from SLDC.</p> <p>c) Ask Parish Council for new bins for lay-bys at both laybys on A65 at Summerlands Hall</p> | <p>a) Parish Council to obtain litter picking tools.</p> <p>b) Working Group to ask for volunteers to form a Litter picking Committee.</p> <p>c) Working Group to ask Parish Council for new bins.</p> | PC & WG SLDC | 5 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG volunteers |
| Street Lights | Issue | Action(s) | How to Tackle it | Lead Organisations & Partners | Priority | Timescale | Resources |
| | Not more street lighting but better lighting as pollution is a concern. Investigate turning off street lighting after midnight | <p>a) Upgrade lights to new LED with timers.</p> <p>b) Enquire what time lights go off currently and how flexible they are.</p> | <p>a) & b) discuss with SLDC or CCC</p> | PC SLDC CCC | 4 | 2015 onwards | PC, CCC, SLDC |

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| <p>Dog Fouling</p> | <p>Investigate ways to address the main problem areas of dog fouling which are:- Between Birchfield and Dove Nest lane, Commonmire, the path to Weston House & Enyeats Road to Low Cottages.</p> <p>Concerns about the impact the new housing will have on the local area</p> | <p>a) Report incidences of dog fouling to SLDC via the Customer Contact Centre on 0845 050 4434 or e-mail info@southlakeland.gov.uk giving Location, times & description of walker/owner and dog</p> <p>b) Install bins at Whinyeats Wood/ Sepulchre Lane & Summerlands Hall</p> <p>c) Hire a dog warden at public expense as concerns of problem getting worse when new houses built.</p> | <p>a) Public to report to SLDC via Customer Contact Centre</p> <p>b) Ask Parish Council to provide bins</p> <p>c) Ask Parish Council to consider when new houses built.</p> | <p>SLDC PC</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>2015</p> | <p>SLDC Customer Contact Centre PC</p> |
| <p>Signage</p> | <p>Street and road signs, bus shelters need cleaning or improving.</p> | <p>a) Organise a party to clean signs and bus shelters</p> <p>b) Ask individuals to adopt a sign</p> <p>c) Contract Lengthsman to do so at extra cost to public</p> | <p>a) & b) Working Group to ask for volunteers through media etc.</p> <p>c) Parish Council to increase Lengthsman's hours</p> | <p>PC & WG</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>2015</p> | <p>PC & WG Volunteers</p> |

Community Life & Identity Action Plan

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| Community Life & Identity | The Parish needs a stronger community identity | <p>a) Put up signs entering parish.</p> <p>b) Create a village entrance based around agricultural or historical links.</p> <p>c) Enter the Village in Bloom competition.</p> <p>d) Create community garden/wildlife area.</p> <p>e) Create a friendly and inviting place to meet up - community pub/ cafe, village centre</p> <p>f) Community activities - e.g. litter picks, gardening, sports day, Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>g) Parish Council Annual Parish Meet should be more of a community fun day</p> | <p>a), b) c), d) Working Group work & Parish Council to discuss</p> <p>e) & f) Working Group to assess demand & promote volunteering. Contact police re Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>g) Parish Council and Working Group to plan ahead for Annual Parish Meet</p> <p>+ More publicity of village hall activities</p> <p>CP Working Group to lead comment activities</p> | PC & WG SLDC, Village Hall Committee | 3 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG Village Hall Committee |
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| | The community across the Parish needs to be better informed of what is going on in the Parish | <p>a) Promote post office times, village hall activities, community activities, church parish magazine</p> <p>b) Produce quarterly e-newsletter</p> <p>c) Update noticeboards regularly</p> <p>d) Regular updates in the Westmorland Gazette</p> <p>e) Parish Council Annual Parish Meet should be a community day with updates on Community Plan and a chance for the community to raise any issues.</p> <p>f) A Welcome Pack for all new people moving into the parish including ways they can become involved in the Parish Council, Community Plan and the community action groups.</p> | <p>Promote all on parish website, Endmoor Facebook page, Westmorland Gazette. Notice board in village hall by the Post Office area. Funding for a community e-newsletter & Welcome Pack</p> <p>Hardcopies of the e-newsletter to be available in village shops, Post Office</p> | PC & WG | 5 | Immediately | PC & WG Volunteers |
| | Groups & Organisations | <p>a) Promote and raise awareness of groups & organisations</p> <p>b) Provide help setting up new groups</p> | <p>Promote as above, and help to find volunteers to support and help start up new groups</p> | Parish Council CP Working Group, Village Hall Committee | 3 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG |
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| | The Parish needs more community events for young & old | <p>a) Promote and support all existing events b) Organise new events such as Bonfire Night, Christmas Carols and those requested by the community in the questionnaire c) Organise community events such as litter picking, bulb planting d) Parish Council Annual Parish Meet should be more of a community day</p> | <p>a) d) Work with Parish Council and publicise existing events b) c) Look for volunteers in the community to support & organise Community events</p> | Parish Council and CP Working Group | 4 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG |
| | Lack of key Services | <p>Review feasibility of:- a) Doctors surgery in village hall b) Full time Post Office c) Village hall to have free Wi-Fi service</p> | <p>a) Approach Dr's practises in the area b) Speak with Post Office c) Village Hall to review feasibility and budget</p> | PC & WG Village Hall committee | 3 | 2015 onwards | PC & WG |

Energy/Utilities & Telecoms Action Plan
The Parish Council will monitor progress on all actions

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| | Perceived high rate of power outages | <p>a) Contact NWE to determine outage situation</p> <p>b) Include actions to make the network more robust in the Development Brief</p> <p>b) Communicate improvement plans when available</p> | <p>Closer communication with utility organisation</p> <p>Infrastructure Development Plan Ex068</p> | PC & WG | 3 | 0-1 years | WG |

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| Energy & Utilities | The village sewerage systems are at their capacity limit. | <p>a) Ensure developer & UU are aware of their obligation to fund the upgrade of the sewerage system and it is written into their brief</p> <p>b) Ensure village expansion caters for sewerage system upgrade as necessary</p> <p>c) Ensure the Development Brief clearly identifies the necessary measures to upgrade the WWtW as a prerequisite for any future development</p> | <p>Infrastructure Development Plan Ex068</p> <p>Current WWtW is at capacity. Measures needed to reinforce the network. Development to be phase 2 of local plan – (post 2017) to allow time for financing and work to be implemented</p> <p>- Closer communication with Utility organisations</p> | PC & WG | 3 | 0-1 years | WG |
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| | Reducing energy costs (limiting increases) | <p>a) Investigate bulk purchase options from NWE/utilities and or others</p> <p>b) Generate database for domestic sustainable energy options</p> <p>c) Generate database of energy saving options</p> | <p>Contact gas/ electricity utility companies</p> <p>Get info or support from UK Gov. agencies and CCC</p> <p>Contact sustainable/green energy companies</p> <p>Carry out feasibility /cost/ benefit studies on community sustainable energy options</p> | CCC, PC & WG | 3 | 0-1 years | WG |
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| Broad band | People not yet connected to the internet | <p>a) Improve awareness of connection possibilities</p> <p>b) The current plans are for the Crooklands exchange and area to be enables under the Connecting Cumbria Program in April-15</p> <p>c) Assist and facilitate training in setting up & use of the internet</p> | <p>Contact local telecom/ ISP organisations</p> <p>Contact local tech/HE college</p> <p>Contact CCC/UK Gov. for course funding</p> | <p><u>Plan committee for Connecting Cumbria</u></p> <p><u>http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where</u></p> <p><u>Local volunteers</u></p> <p><u>Kendal College</u></p> <p><u>?</u></p> | 3 | 0-1 years | WG |

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| | Broadband connection speeds | <p>a) Determine the existing telecoms (BT) plan for local network upgrade</p> <p>b) If current timetable is unacceptable, then formulate list of options for unilateral action</p> | <p><u>Contact BT/ local Government Consider upgrade options.</u> Note that <u>56% of respondents did not want to pay for upgrade</u> <u>B4RN model?</u> <u>(http://b4rn.org.uk/)</u></p> <p><u>Business partnerships</u></p> | PC & WG Local Businesses | 3 | 0-3 years? | WG |

Appendices

Appendix 1

Planned Developments in the Parish

