

GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

APPENDIX 11 - COMMUNITY FACILITIES: - Emerging issues and wish list.

OBJECTIVES	FEEDBACK from residents and possible solutions	EVIDENCE
<p>1.COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY. The Parish Council will be requested to support, enhance and publish existing services and facilities by implementing a communication strategy to encourage greater community involvement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a residents database. • Publicising events. • Recruiting volunteers. • Establishing new groups. • Engaging and introducing new residents into village life. 	<p>Key issue: Support, enhance and publish existing services and facilities by implementing a communication strategy to encourage greater community involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the residents preferred form of being contacted, whether it be Email, Twitter, Facebook, 'A' frame posters, leaflets, newsletters, Website, etc. • Raise funds to employ someone to develop a communications strategy. • Prepare a secure database held by the Parish Council (PC) to contact residents. E.G. 11/14years to 17 years and 18 years plus. • Database to be used to recruit and promote societies, clubs and activities. • Parish Council to line manage the circulation of information to local residents. • Non-faith based 'What's On' guide for residents and new families residing in the parish. • Encourage and recruit volunteers to start new groups e.g. GELTCo. • Create a Great Easton Volunteering Certificate. • Make the village more cohesive and welcoming, especially for new residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews. • Local developer interview. • Young people interviews. • Open meeting. • Great Easton Little Theatre (GELTCo).

<p>2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. The Parish Council will strive to maintain the friendly atmosphere, community spirit, feel and status of the village, which people regards as tranquil, non-threatening, sought after, friendly and safe, through community engagement, volunteering and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Key issue: Community Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more opportunities for young people with short courses of one to three weeks duration and maintain the Youth Club. • The low level of young family involvement in village life might be due to having a lack of community involvement following city or urban experiences, where community engagement is more limited. Interviews suggest that new local social events may appeal to young families, thus introducing them to the benefits of community engagement for the first time. • Reinstate the Great Easton Welcome Pack for new residents moving into the village. • Housing development must be balanced against the impact on the environment, especially increased traffic, and impact on local fields and designated open spaces. • Maintain what we already have. • There should be proportional development without altering the character of the village and village life. • Maintain the important features of village life and the village. • Most young people leave the village to go to higher education and/or advance their careers and return to visit family, stay with family when changing jobs and sometimes return in their 30's when they have a young family. • Young people value village fetes, barbeques, plays, events and open gardens. • Village shop would like to support the parish by offering a café and continuing to offer support with publicity (A frames) and sale of community event tickets. • Housing developments should be limited because people of all ages want to feel safe. <p>Volunteering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit volunteers to undertake odd jobs for the elderly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uppingham Community College students. • Other teenagers and young adult interviews. • Bringhurst Primary School students. • Open meeting. • Young people in their 20's. • Park maintenance committee. • Opera representative. • Interview with family. • Local developer interview. • Interview with the Parish Council.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More volunteers required, e.g. Park Maintenance group, Opera group. <p>Employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time paid employment for young people is required. (Litter picks, car washes, tidy the small graveyard on Caldecott Road, elderly persons gardening). • Recruit part-time youth workers and volunteers for the Youth Club. Young people highly regard the Youth Club as it also provides young people with independence from parents. • Develop employment through bed and breakfasts and light industry e.g. microbrewery. 	
<p>3. SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM PRIMARY AGE TO EARLY TWENTIES. The Parish Council will be asked to support the provision of new and improved support for young people. Proposals that enhance the range of community facilities and support for young people will be a priority. Any new or improved provision must address the needs identified by young people.</p>	<p>Key issue: Support for young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the park area in a more creative way. • The park is very popular with young people. • Reopen the Youth Club, which is highly thought of because it enables young people to be independent of their parents. • Broaden the use of the park with environmental projects (community gardens, allotments), fitness equipment, skate park, a second football goal, equipment for younger teenagers, a covered adult free seated shelter and zip wire. • Recruit youth workers and volunteers to re-open the youth club. • Organise short programmes of one, two or three week courses for young people, ideally delivered by local young people who have the skills and have been trained in that particular subject area at university, college or training (dance, drama, music, bands, environment projects, arts, street dance, scouts, etc.). • Create a database for young people in order to communicate information (email, Facebook, twitter). • One big event is required to replenish park maintenance funds. • Part time paid employment for young people (litter picks, car wash's, tidy the small graveyard on Caldecott Road, elderly persons gardening). • Young people want a place where adults won't shout at them. • Provide more pre-teenager equipment in the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with young people at Brighthurst Primary School. • Interviews with young people at Uppingham Community College. • Interviews with older teenagers and 20 year olds. • Member of the Youth Club management committee. • Parish questionnaire results.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More children’s books in the shop. • Create an Environment Group/Allotment/Community Garden for adults and young people to make items like bird boxes, bird feeders, water features, small ponds/baths for small birds and animals, gardens and allotments. • Create a Great Easton Volunteering Certificate. 	
<p>4. MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY FACILITIES.</p> <p>4.1. The Parish Council will be asked to support the purchase or rent land for allotments/community gardens. Allotments and community gardens offer an improved quality of life, an enjoyable hobby, low cost food, relaxation and contact with nature. For children, gardens offer places to play and to learn about nature. For the elderly and disabled, gardens offer an opportunity to meet people to share in activity with like-minded people, and to experience activities like planting and harvesting, plus enhancing physical and mental wellbeing. The Parish Council and volunteers will seek to secure funding to establish this</p>	<p>Key issues: The findings show there needs to be a greater range of facilities and some facilities need to be refurbished or improved.</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and develop an area for allotments. • Provide adult fitness equipment in the park. • Provide a village mobile defibrillator. • Create a plan to store and exhibit the vast array of archive material that exists with a few residents. • Support the development of a care home for older residents who don’t want to leave the village. • Protect the environment for walkers, riders, dog walkers and wildlife. • Elimination of dog fouling in public places. • There is reduced childcare due to grandparents enrolling their grandchildren in local pre-school settings where they live. • Replace stiles with gates for walkers with disabilities and older people. • Home deliveries from the shop, especially in bad weather. • Maintenance and improvements in the village hall, especially the toilets (£50k minimum required). • Sustainability of all community facilities. <p>Other suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved local bus service, especially when young people are on work experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village shop and Post Office interview. • Local developer interview. • NP questionnaire. • Interviews with residents of all ages. • Interviews with a representative from the Youth Club management team. • Interview with Uppingham Community College students. • Interviews with residents in their early 20’s. • Parish Council interview. • Walking Group representative.

<p>community resource.</p> <p>4.2. The Parish Council will seek to protect and improve existing community facilities. The retention, continued use, refurbishment or improvement of all parish community facilities and services will be supported. Funds received from housing development, e.g. 106 money, will be used to deliver the list of community development priorities identified in this document.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach health clinic operating on a part-time basis. • Consider community ownership of community assets, e.g. Open spaces, shop and pub, if they get into financial difficulties. Covered in Assets section. • Improved maintenance of roads, paths and footpaths. • Lunch club for elderly and lonely residents. • Fish and chip van twice a week. • Dog friendly tearoom with Wi-Fi. • Establish a phone box library. • Strim footpaths earlier in the growing season. • Build a bowling green. • Once or twice monthly bus service to local supermarkets. • Target grandparents and young families in order to re-open a Baby and Toddler Group. • Mobile library. • Meals on wheels. • Help on wheels. • Christmas Day or Boxing Day lunch for residents living on their own. • Adopt an elderly person for tea or coffee chats and odd jobs. • Create an Environment Group for adults and young people to create items like bird boxes, bird feeders, water features, small ponds/baths for small birds and animals. • Green balloon garage sale/give away (take what you want from what's on display). • Great Easton Green Balloon hanging basket competition with profits going to good causes. • Great Easton Open Gardens. • Parish Council should sponsor events at Bringhurst Primary School (Dragons Den, allotment/environment links, community gardens, Easter bonnet/hat, Great Easton's Got Talent, etc.). • Reinstate childcare for pre-school and primary age children before school, after school and holidays. • Community tennis court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with early years worker. • Bringhurst Primary School questionnaire. • Interview with pre school worker. • Feedback from Open meeting. • Responses from Church Wardens. • Interview with Village Hall committee. • Early years worker. • Young family interview. • Park maintenance group.
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<p>5. COMMUNITY ASSETS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PARK. 2. OPEN SPACES. 3. VILLAGE HALL. 4. SHOP/POST OFFICE. 5. PUB. 6. CHURCH. 7. SCHOOL. <p>The Parish Council will discuss whether to retain designated open spaces, shop/post office, and/or pub as community assets.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where planning permission is sought for a change of use that will result in the loss of a community facility, as listed above, it will be necessary to demonstrate that there is no reasonable prospect of securing either the continued use of the community facility or an alternative community use of land or building. The property should be advertised by the applicant in an 	<p>Key issues: -</p> <p>Community Assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community assets = Clarks Piece Park, Open Spaces, Village shop, The Sun pub, Village Hall, Parish church, Bringhurst Primary School. • Develop a strategy for community ownership of community assets, e.g. shop and pub, if they get into financial difficulties. • Place community asset orders on designated open spaces. • Parish Council to create a Community Assets Sub Group, as well as other sub groups listed below. <p>Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is very popular with young people. • Young people want a place they won't be shouted at by adults. • Provide facilities for young people (covered shelter area in the park, skate park, zip wire, second football goal, more equipment). • Organise short programmes of one, two or three week courses for young people, ideally delivered by local young people who have the skills and have been trained in that particular subject area at university, college or training, e.g. environment issues. • Use the park area in a more creative way. • Broaden the use of the park with possible environmental projects (community gardens, allotments), fitness equipment, second football goal, zip wire, more benches and equipment for younger teenagers and pre-teenagers. • Create a database for young people in order to communicate information to them (email, Facebook, twitter). • Provide adult fitness equipment in the park. <p>Open Spaces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village shop and Post Office interview. • Local developer interview. • NP questionnaire. • Interviews with residents of all ages. • Interviews with Uppingham Community College students. • Interviews with residents in their early 20's. • Parish Council interview. • Walking Group representative. • Interview with early years worker. • Bringhurst Primary School questionnaire. • Interview with pre school worker. • Feedback from Open meeting. • Responses from Church Wardens.

<p>appropriate publication for 12 months at a price that reflects an independent professional valuation. Information included with the application should include the selling agents literature together with valuations and offers that have been received on the property.</p> <p>2. The Parish Council will start identifying whether there are grants available to secure the future of the designated open spaces, shop/post office, and pub if the current businesses fail. There are no indications this is the case at the moment.</p> <p>3. Car Park at Primary School.</p> <p>Proposal for the creation of a car park will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the development:</p> <p>1. Would improve existing access or traffic circulation problems, or that suitable mitigation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident's value designated open spaces and local fields. • Protect these at all costs. • Place community asset orders on designated open spaces and local ridge and furrow fields. <p>Village Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village hall is an important asset of the village. 77 of respondents (47%) use the facility. • Many groups, societies and clubs, as well as private events, use the facilities on a regular basis. • The village hall has an active management committee. • Maintain and improve the village hall, especially the toilets (£50k minimum required). • Build an annex to contain an archive for village history material held by local residents. <p>Shop/Post Office and Pub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey findings show that almost 91% of respondents use the village shop/post office with 131 using it on either a daily or weekly basis. • Residents see the shop/post office as a key facility providing an important service to the village. • Many residents also enjoy the Sun pub. • It is recommended that the Parish Council start identifying whether there are grants available to secure the future of the shop/post office/pub if the current business's fail. There are no indications this is the case at the moment. • The village shop would like to support the parish by offering a café and continuing to offer support with publicity (A frames) and sale of tickets for community events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Village Hall committee. • Youth Club management representative. • Young family interview. • Park maintenance group.
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<p>measures are being brought forward as part of the proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Would not result in a loss of amenity to local residents such as development on ridge and furrow fields. 3. Does not conflict with other NP policies or proposals. 4. Has appropriate vehicle access and does not adversely impact upon traffic. 5. Is not funded from Great Easton community funds but is the responsibility of the school/academy. 	<p>Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Andrew’s Church is reasonably well attended and is part of the parish of Six Saints, which includes Great Easton, Drayton, Bringhurst, Medbourne, Stockerston and Blaston. • Bell ringers meet regularly at the church. • Parishioners would like toilets to be installed. • The Church Commissioners have recently sold considerable amounts of local land to a wealthy business man for an eight figure sum, but no money has found it’s way back into the parish. <p>School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Primary School facilities (area for bikes and scooters). • Car park for drop-off and collection but not provided by the village or 106 money, as it should be the schools responsibility to provide this facility. • More scientific and arts equipment is required at Bringhurst Primary School. • Bring Medbourne Playgroup to Bringhurst Primary School. • Refurbishments at Bringhurst Primary School taking place from 2015 to 2017. • Parish Council should sponsor events at Bringhurst Primary School (Dragons Den, allotment/environment links, community gardens, Easter bonnet/hat, Great Easton’s Got Talent). • New homes could help in-catchment pupil numbers up to the primary schools capacity. 	
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<p>6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONTINUITY. The Parish Council will investigate the development of resident focused voice groups. The Parish Council will publish a report on its feasibility. Residents suggest the implementation of the following groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Persons Council, with a budget to replicate the Parish Council. 2. Visionary Fundraising Group. 3. Planning Sub Committee. 4. Facility Improvement Sub Committee. 5. Community Assets Sub Group. 	<p>Key Issue: Neighbourhood Plan Continuity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighbourhood Plan should be realistic. • The Neighbourhood Plan should have a strong community focus and enlist the engagement of the community. • Develop a Visionary Group/Appeals Group, not necessarily connected to the Parish Council, to raise funds for community projects. • Establish an Appeals Group Lunch Club once a month that is open to all (soup, roll, filled role, cake, tea or coffee) possibly with speakers. Run one-off events like Christmas tinsel meal and/or turkey lunch. Profits go village charities/good causes. • Establish Parish Council sub-committees for – Planning, Youth Committee, Funding, Facility improvement, Community Assets. • Establish a Young Persons Parish Council, with a budget, to mirror the adult Parish Council in order to gain the views of young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local developer interview. • Village Hall committee. • Open meeting. • November '15 Open Day. • Interviews with local residents. • Interviews with young people.
<p>7. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. Residents and those people interviewed largely felt that:</p> <p>7.1. Proposals that encroach on designated open spaces, ridge and furrow fields or detract from the character of the village will not be supported.</p>	<p>Key Issue: Housing Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Parish Council Planning sub-group. • Housing development should be small scale. • Housing development must be balanced against the impact on the environment, especially increased traffic and impact on local fields. • Work in partnership with the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council. • Get developers to undertake demographic and other profiles. • Assess graded houses to see if they are being maintained appropriately. • Developer contributions should meet needs identified from Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local developer interview. • External developer interview. • Uppingham Community College students. • Bringhurst Primary School students. • Young people

<p>7.2. A Parish Council Planning Sub Committee could be created comprising of interested residents and stakeholders to monitor and advise on planning applications.</p> <p>7.3. Any funds arising from 106 money will be spent on meeting community needs identified in this report.</p>	<p>Facility interviews and research in this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New developments should be in a style similar to current properties. • Retain the fields surrounding the village and Open Spaces from housing development. • Restrict new homes to a proportionate number. • Don't turn Great Easton into a congested town. • New properties should be old style on the outside and modern on the inside. • New housing should not obscure views of the countryside e.g. Rockingham Castle, Neville Holt. • Build on brown field sites e.g. Station Yard, which would move from isolation to a small community. • New builds should be like Ford Bank and Holt View. Don't build estates. • New build should be affordable one or two bedroom houses and less three and four bedroom houses. • Priority should be for affordable one and two bedroom homes for couples and young families. • Housing developments should not adversely affect the church. • Village Hall would resist development in the paddock behind the hall. • Developments should be limited because people of all ages want to feel safe. • Keep the village character. • Accept change that is proportional to the size of the parish. • There will be adequate housing for purchase with the 36 planning permissions already granted by HDC. 	<p>interviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire results from Bringhurst Primary School. • Church Warden responses. • Interview with Village Hall representatives. • Responses from the Open meeting. • Interviews with local residents.
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