



Parish Council Action Plan

September 2022 – March 2025

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Introduction

The Parish Council Action Plan sets out the Council's plans for the next three years. The action plan will be reviewed quarterly.

Local Government in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire has two tiers of local government, Weston Turville Parish Council is the most local tier of government for residents. Buckinghamshire Council is the second tier and responsible for many services across the county including highways, education, housing, social services, planning, waste and environmental health.

The Parish Council

The Parish Council comprises of 10 parish councillors. Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, except for August and December. Meetings are held in public, agenda and minutes are published on the Parish Council website.

The Council has two committees:

Planning and Highways Committee which reviews and comments on planning applications within the parish and matters concerning highways which are escalated to the appropriate authority

Policy and Resources Committee which is concerned with all matters relating to finance, resources and policies of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council employs a Clerk who is the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer for the Council. The Clerk undertakes all administration of the Parish Council and issues all statutory notices.

Parish Council Assets and Responsibilities

1. Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field, including the facilities located there – children's playground, tennis courts, petanque court, multi use games area, skate park and football pitches.
2. War memorial
3. Plane memorial
4. Village Sign
5. Street furniture – benches, notice boards, bus shelters, litter and dog waste bins, planters
6. Street lights in the village (other street lights in Hampden Hall, along the A413 and Aston Clinton Road are owned and maintained by Buckinghamshire Council)
7. Village Hall, parish office and changing rooms
8. The Glebe Field
9. Triangle of land at the end of Brookside
10. Right of way off Brookside
11. Grass cutting and other responsibilities under the Devolved Services contract with Buckinghamshire Council

Summary of recent activities and projects

Over the last 3 years the Parish Council has undertaken the following projects:

- Installation of new children's play equipment
- Provided a new skate park
- Provided a new multi use games area (MUGA)
- Provided a new petanque court
- Planted a wildflower area and installed picnic benches in the area
- Provided a new accessible path around the Jubilee Park and the Memorial Playing Field
- Completed a neighbourhood plan for Weston Turville
- Upgraded all its streetlights to LED units
- Installed solar panels on the village hall
- Installed additional dog waste bins
- Held a successful and well attended Platinum Jubilee celebration
- Completed an extension to the village hall to provide a parish office and meeting room and changing rooms for football.

Action Plan for September 2022 – March 2025

| Area | Item of work | Funding arrangements | Timescale |
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| Local Environment | | | |
| Parish Identity | Installation of village sign | Funded by reserves | Autumn 2022 |
| | Ensure all new developments feel part of the parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with developers and Bucks Council in order to adopt green spaces on new developments • Use of parish council logo on all noticeboards across the parish • Welcome Pack | Commuted sums for new facilities Precept for communications and welcome pack | Ongoing |
| Improve local area | Parish Litter Pick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two per annum | £30 for black sacks | April and September |
| | Enter the Best Kept Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages pride in the local area • Areas are judged on their condition of community facilities eg village hall, playing fields, churches, local shops etc • Entry deadline is usually April, judging in June | | April – June 2023 |
| | Planters located around the village to be planted and maintained by contractor | Precept | Ongoing |
| | Landscaping at Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildflower meadow • Trees | S106 | Ongoing |
| | Planting scheme for the village green in Worlds End Lane | Precept | Ongoing |
| | Roadside verge planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain wildflower beds • Plant bulbs around the parish | Precept | Ongoing |
| Street Furniture | Remove rotten benches at junction of Worlds End Lane and Wendover Road and replace with recycled plastic bench | Precept | Autumn 2022 |
| | Commemorative Platinum Jubilee bench | Precept | Autumn 2022 |
| | Replacement silent soldier silhouette | Precept | Autumn 2022 |
| Road Safety | Two additional ground screws for the MVAS – Brook End and Worlds End Lane | Precept | |

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| Trees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 yearly inspection of trees on Council land Carry out any works identified in the report | Precept Precept | September 2022 |
| Grass cutting | Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spec to be drawn up and put out to tender | Precept | Ongoing |
| | Open spaces at The Paddocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spec to be drawn up and put out to tender | Commuted sum | From July 2023 |
| | Devolved Services for verges in 30mph areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently carried out by Aylesbury Town Council on New terms to be issued by Bucks Council in autumn | Devolved sum from Bucks Council plus precept to meet shortfall | Ongoing |
| Community Engagement | | | |
| To ensure residents are fully informed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to produce quarterly parish magazine Keep website up to date Regular posts on the PC Facebook page | Precept | Ongoing |
| To improve communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider new methods of communication, eg screen in parish office window which can be regularly and instantly updated Community consultations on new facilities / projects when appropriate | Precept | Ongoing |
| Community Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly street food events | None – raises funds for the village hall | Monthly |
| | Christmas Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas tree and lights Advent windows?? | Precept | Annual |
| | Remembrance Sunday Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange road closure Parish Council wreath | Precept | November |
| | Annual sunflower challenge | £100 for seeds and prizes | Spring |
| | Build a Bug Hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community event Engage with families | Minimal – most materials already stored | Easter holidays |
| | Summer event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eg fete or other event in park | £100 | June |
| | Easter Egg hunt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pictures of Easter eggs with a name to go in windows around the parish | £100 for easter egg prizes | Easter |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheets provided to entrants to write the names of the eggs found, to be collected from the parish office • Easter eggs to be given to those who find all eggs | | |
| | Parish Litter Pick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two per annum | £30 for black sacks | April and September |
| Community Facilities | | | |
| Village Hall car park | Redesign the entrance to the car park and layout White lines to be repainted | Funding by reserves | October 2022 |
| | Electric vehicle charging points in the village hall car park | Reserves / grants | |
| Village Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to provide eg café facility | Grants | 2-5 years |
| Community Orchard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological survey to be carried out • Public consultation and planning application | S106 funds | |
| Parish Council Governance | | | |
| Parish Council Land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of Jubilee Park • Ensure details held by the Land Registry are correct for all the Council's land | Precept | 2022 |
| Policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all policies are up to date and scheduled for regular review | Precept | Ongoing |