

Implementation Plan for Bramley Parish Plan

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The recommendations in the Parish Plan are cast mainly in the form of actions on Bramley Parish Council, which commissioned the Parish Plan. Many issues are the responsibility of other bodies, however in all cases the Parish Council should have a role in monitoring the local effects of the actions of the other bodies, and in making the views of residents known to those responsible.

Legend

BHS: Bramley History Society

BPC: Bramley Parish Council

BVS: Bramley Village Society

PCT: Primary Care Trust

Police: Surrey Police Neighbourhood Officer for Bramley

SCC: Surrey County Council

StCS: St Catherine's School

WBC: Waverley Borough Council

WS: Womersley Surgery

Ref	Recommendation from Parish Plan Survey feedback	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead	Resource
1.	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>We need a campaign to get Surrey County Council to produce and maintain a coordinated strategy to deal with Bramley's traffic and transport issues. The strategy should have long term elements and shorter term actions.</p>	<p>Coordinated plans addressing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing traffic volume, particularly of large vehicles • Managing traffic speed • St Catherine's 'school run' • Parking 	High	BPC, WBC, SCC, StCS	By end 2011	BPC	
2.	<p>Communication of local information</p> <p>Publicise the availability of the Bramley Update service more to those with email. Ensure the Bramley Parish Council website is up to date and comprehensive. Upgrade the content and frequency of the Bramley Village Society newsletter to be a monthly service, including Parish Council news and distributed across the parish by Royal Mail, if financially viable.</p>	<p>Widen the scope and increase the frequency of the BVS newsletter to provide all residents of the parish with a regular update on all relevant parish news and activities.</p> <p>Ensure comprehensive local information is published on the Bramley Parish Council and/or BVS website.</p>	High	BVS, BPC	Autumn 2010	BVS	Bramley Fete, BVS BPC and Grant applications

3.	Broadband Services Fast and reliable broadband services are vital, particularly for people working in the parish. The Parish Council will need to maintain pressure on service providers to make Bramley a priority area for upgrading to next generation services.	BPC to maintain pressure on government and broadband service providers to ensure all Bramley parish properties are provided with the minimum 2 megabit per second service specified in the government's Digital Britain report, and to pressurise them to include Bramley in early rollout of faster next generation services. Investigate the possibility of speeding up supply using the Lyddington Village in Rutland model as a guide.	High	BPC	ongoing	BPC	Finance from BPC, BVS, Fete, Local Businesses etc and specific grant applications
4.	Mobile Phone Services Parish Council to ask mobile phone service providers to work together on a scheme to give wide coverage for all residents and businesses in the parish with the minimum construction of new masts, which will need to be sited sensitively yet effectively.	Commission a technical survey funded by all mobile service providers to identify an optimum technical solution to providing good mobile phone coverage across the parish. Drive through the implementation of that solution and promote awareness of benefits.	High	BPC, OFCOM, Mobile Phone Service Providers	End 2010 for the survey. End 2011 for delivery of full service.	BPC	Mobile Service providers
5.	Crime and Antisocial Behaviour As there is strong association in residents' minds between young people and the low-level crime and antisocial behaviour that they fear and experience, our recommendations are for more constructive and interesting facilities for young people coupled with improved neighbourhood watch and police presence in affected areas of the parish.	Identify and establish youth assembly areas/facilities which would be designed and maintained with the support of the young people of the village. Encourage more areas of the parish to implement Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Promote awareness of Country watch in more rural areas of the Parish	Medium Medium	BPC, Police, BVS BPC, Police	Ongoing 2010	BPC Police	Specific Grant application
6.	Police Activity Increased presence and contact with local police is paramount in reducing both actual crime/antisocial behaviour and public fear. Evening beats around pub and club closing times would alleviate particular concerns.	Police to re-establish the level of contact and confidence that PC Soulsby brought to Bramley. Visible police presence around pub and club closing times.	Medium	Police, BPC	2010 onwards	Police	Surrey Police

7.	<p>Young People and Children</p> <p>7.1 Bramley Parish Council, Bramley Village Society, local police and other agencies, led by the views of young people, explore the possibilities of local activities for older children and teenagers, either through after school activities, a youth club, skateboard park, sports activities or other.</p> <p>7.2 The Waverley Borough Council-owned play area at Chestnut Way was fully updated for younger children in 2008/9. However, Bramley Parish Council should make further request to Waverley BC to look at how older children and teenagers could be serviced by the available space in this location. Bramley Parish Council could also review the play equipment in the Eastwood Road play area with a view to updating.</p> <p>7.3 Improve communication about what play facilities already exist within the parish.</p>	<p>7.1 This recommendation is covered by Action 5 above under 'Crime and Antisocial Behaviour'</p> <p>7.2 BPC ask WBC to review how older children and teenagers could be serviced by the available space in Bramley. BPC review the play equipment in the Eastwood Road play area with a view to updating.</p> <p>7.3 BPC improve the signage to all play areas to ensure residents know where facilities exist.</p>	Medium	BPC, WBC	2010	BPC	Specific Grant applications
8.	<p>Housing</p> <p>8.1 Planning authorities to give priority to development of affordable housing in Bramley</p> <p>8.2 Waverley to approve no substantial housing developments until a significant improvement has been made in the road system.</p> <p>8.3 The Parish Council should continue to press Surrey County Council to produce a priced and dated plan to improve the infrastructure - particularly roads.</p> <p>8.4 The Parish Council should press Waverley to include an improvement in the infrastructure, or a financial contribution to such improvement, as a condition on all planning approvals.</p>	<p>8.1 BPC maintain ongoing pressure on WBC to give priority to development of affordable housing in Bramley.</p> <p>8.2,3,4 BPC to maintain pressure on SCC and WBC to develop and publish a long term road improvement strategy (as in Action 1 above) and to implement it before any significant house construction scheme is approved for the area.</p>	Medium	BPC, WBC, SCC	Ongoing	BPC	

9.	Doctors and Medical Care Publicity for the Friends of Wonersh Surgery to help to create better understanding of the services available. The Parish Council should encourage dialogue with the Surgery regarding out-of-hours services and improved administration of appointments.	BPC engage WS in a constructive dialogue to improve the administration and provision of services for Bramley residents. BPC publicise the medical services available locally from WS and elsewhere. Provide better publicity for Bramley Wheels as a means of improving access to Wonersh for those without transport. Encourage Wonersh Surgery to improve its appointments administration. Encourage Wonersh Surgery to promote use of the free SW Surrey mobile Physiotherapy Unit.	Medium	BPC, WS	Autumn 2010	BPC	
10.	Dentists and Dental Care Investigation of recently-established mobile NHS dentistry units.	Research NHS facilities available or potentially available in Bramley and publicise them to residents.	Low	BPC	Autumn 2010	BPC	
11.	Other Healthcare Publicity on the availability of services locally combined with transport assistance.	Research NHS facilities available or potentially available in Bramley and publicise them to residents.	Low	BPC	Autumn 2010	BPC	
12.	Support for the Elderly Improved publicity on local care services in concert with the Primary Care Trust. Bramley Parish Council to actively support Blunden Court and the Four Villages Day Centre.	Publicise local care services available in Bramley. Continue to support Blunden Court and the Four Villages Day Centre.	Low	BPC PCT	Ongoing	BPC	
13.	Mental Healthcare Encourage the Primary Care Trust to promote awareness of support available locally.	Research NHS facilities available or potentially available in Bramley and publicise them to residents.	Low	BPC PCT	Autumn 2010	BPC	
14.	Lighting Undertake specific surveys of residents in Eastwood Road, Birtley Road, Station Road and Linersh Wood working with Residents' Associations where they exist to identify whether there is majority support for additional lighting.	BPC organise surveys of residents in specified roads to identify extent of support for installing and paying for additional lighting.	Low	BPC, Street Associations where they exist.	2010	BPC	

15.	<p>Litter</p> <p>The Parish Council should investigate the cost of paying a part-time person out of the precept for a couple of hours a week or fortnight to pick up litter. The petrol station, shops and businesses should be asked to be vigilant about litter and cleaning up outside their premises. Occasional litter picking sessions should be advertised for local residents.</p>	<p>BPC investigate the feasibility of paying for litter collection services from its precept.</p> <p>BPC to encourage all shops to clear litter daily from around their premises.</p> <p>BPC to push WBC to collect litter more frequently from roadsides around Bramley.</p> <p>BPC and BVS should directly notify WBC of specific problems and encourage individual residents to do the same.</p>	Medium	BPC, WBC, High Street shops and fuel station	2010	BPC	
16.	<p>Household Waste</p> <p>Make clear to Waverley Borough Council the desire for a return to weekly collections of household waste, particularly stressing the impact on families in the summer.</p>	<p>BPC inform WBC of the wish of many residents for restoration of weekly collections of household waste.</p> <p>BPC <i>work with WBC to</i> publicise alternative and greener ways of processing food waste through home composters and waste digesters.</p>	Low	BPC, WBC	2010	BPC	
17.	<p>Recycling</p> <p>Reconsider a cardboard recycling bank in Bramley village. Work with Waverley Borough Council to identify ways in which all recyclable plastic could be collected, and whether kerbside cardboard recycling could be introduced. Consider a range of parish schemes to work with local shopkeepers to use paper rather than plastic bags, 'specials' on low-energy bulbs etc..</p>	<p>BPC encourage WBC to provide cardboard recycling facilities within the parish, ideally by kerbside collection.</p> <p>BPC to encourage local initiatives to recycle more and waste less.</p> <p>BPC to encourage WBC to include all recyclable plastic in their kerbside collections.</p>	Medium	BPC, WBC	2010 and ongoing	BPC	
18.	<p>Open Spaces</p> <p>Ensure long-term protection of the Downslink and existing open spaces for leisure use. Inform and publicise all the open public spaces that exist within the parish.</p>	<p>Prepare a leaflet to educate people about what Bramley Parish does offer in terms of footpaths, open spaces, spaces for contemplation etc..</p> <p>Encourage greater use and public care of those spaces.</p>	Low	BPC	2010	BPC	

19.	Shopping Encourage landlords to review their rental structures in the current climate and see if rent-free periods are available for new businesses. Approach Waverley Borough Council about significant reduction in business rates for a 1 to 2 year period.	BPC to encourage landlords to review letting arrangements and WBC to review business rates to reduce the number of empty shops. BPC, BVS and BHS to continue to use or encourage the use of empty shops.	Low	BPC, WBC	2010	BPC	
20.	Restaurants Approach the Bramley Café, Hollyhocks, the church rooms and other central locations to see if they could provide a coffee shop/tea room/meeting place for mothers and children.	BPC encourage owners of central Bramley facilities to provide a coffee shop/tea room/meeting place for mothers and children	Low	BPC	2010	BPC	
21.	Business and Employment BPC establish a close working relationship with the association of Bramley businesses. Through that relationship encourage more local employment, particularly of teenagers.	Confirm that there is a Bramley Business Association and suggest they advertise their presence more. Involve them in producing a central list of employment and training opportunities, and in efforts to improve the training and work opportunities for teenagers. Suggest the newsagent offers to act as single display point for all Bramley parish (including Smithbrook Kilns) job vacancies. Encourage all business to notify the village of job vacancies even if the businesses feel that it is unlikely that suitable applicants are available here.	Low	BPC, Bramley employers	2010	BPC	
22.	Local Government 22.1 Residents need to be made more aware of the existing channels of communication. 22.2 The council website as a source of information should be further promoted and information available in locations used by many people such as the post office, library, village hall. 22.3 The uptake of the Bramley Update email should be increased.	See Action 2 above 'Communication of Local Information'					

23.	Wey and Arun Canal The re-opening of the canal should remain a privately funded project but the local councils should take an active interest in influencing proposals from the Canal Trust to provide an amenity for the parish that addresses the concerns particularly of the residents near the proposed canal route.	BPC provide feedback to the Wey & Arun Canal Trust from the Bramley Parish Plan Survey and continue to monitor and influence its plans for Bramley area. BVS to look at assisting with circulating information on progress and encouraging discussion meetings.	Low	BPC, Wey & Arun Canal Trust	Ongoing	BPC	
24.	Dunsfold New Town Surrey County Council to develop and publish a long term road improvement strategy and to implement it before any significant house construction scheme like Dunsfold is approved for the area.	See Action 8 above 'Housing'					
25.	Re-opening railway line Local authorities should ensure all environmental issues, including parking, the real impact on local traffic and the loss of the valued green path along the old trackway, are addressed with residents before any re-opening of the railway.	Respond to any future proposal for re-opening the railway line by insisting on a full environmental impact assessment.	Low	BPC, WBC	Ongoing	BPC	Mainly ATOC or central government funding but SCC and WBC only as part of the integrated Transport Plan

Appendix 1

Comments in late April 2010 by some officers from Waverley County Council on the draft Bramley Parish Plan documents.

1) Transport & traffic - Speed issues, HGVs, school runs, parking (Paul Falconer's Comments – Principal Planning Policy Officer)

Surrey County Council are currently preparing their Local Transport Plan 3 which will set out the County's Transport Strategy for 2011-2016. Therefore, we would recommend that the steering group engage with the consultation process which will be taking place soon. The Objectives and Transport Climate Change Strategy are currently out for consultation:

http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE_RTF/Surrey+Transport+Plan+LTP3+--+have+your+say?opendocument

There are some useful comments regarding traffic issues which we may also be able to capture as part of Waverley's Transport Assessment for the Local Development Framework. We have made note of these comments and will incorporate them where relevant.

2) Youth / teenagers activities (Katy Webb's comments – Community Development Officer)

Waverley Borough Council has been trying to work with Bramley Parish Council to set up some Youth Provision in Bramley. We looked around the Old Post office situated at the back of the Library and Rachael the Parish Clerk, myself and others have been trying to liaise with Surrey County Council Estates to rent the venue (at a reasonable rate) so that we could develop activities. The aim would be to work in partnership with Waverley, Surrey Youth Development Services, the Church, Voluntary Sector and Parish Council. So far the biggest stumbling block is we have not been able to secure the venue and a suitable venue is needed so that the young people are not hanging about the streets.

There is no easy solution to solving this apart from everyone working together and that includes the people who live in the village as it is not a remit of any of the above agencies to provide leisure activities for young people. Everyone needs to take responsibility and work together to help provide a programme of activities and the funding to deliver them.

The cost and frequency of transport also causes issues for many young people, as they are not able to access activities in larger towns such as Guildford. The cost of the transport and the activity together can often mean that they are unable to afford it.

It would be good to have installed an open access fixed facility for young people in the village such as a multi games sports court or skate park but I do not know the area well enough to suggest a location. As with any type of facility like this careful consideration would need to take place on a location as it needs to be safe and visible but if there is a general lack of tolerance for young people then if it is near housing it will annoy the residents. Funding would also need to be identified to provide this."

3) Affordable Housing & associated infrastructure

a) Affordable Housing (Alice Baxter's comments – Housing Strategy & Enabling Manager):

We would suggest making reference to the following:

- As a strategic housing authority, the Council has a role in promoting the development of additional affordable homes to help meet need. At the same time, there is a limited supply of land available for development. Securing more affordable housing is a key Corporate Priority.
- Even at a time of recession, there is a continued demand for housing in the Borough, across all tenures. The towns and villages of Waverley attract families from London who want to change their lifestyles, beautiful countryside and good transport links to the capital make Waverley a popular place to live,

resulting in house prices in the public and private sector being relatively high. Against this context there is a huge demand for subsidised affordable housing in Waverley. A Housing Market Assessment (2008) estimated an additional 515 affordable homes are required each year. By comparison, only 261 homes became available to let in the year 2009-2010.

- The Draft Parish Plan refers to need for affordable homes in Bramley (p.8). Information from our housing needs register (HNR) confirms a need for subsidised affordable housing in Bramley. 818 of the 3,342 households on our Housing Needs Register have included Bramley as one of their area choices for rehousing. 14 households on the housing needs register currently live in Bramley. It is our experience that most applicants want to live relatively near to their current address – because they will already have work, children at school, support networks etc in their current community. Of course, some will want/need to move elsewhere in the Borough for their own reasons.
- A Housing Needs Survey was carried out in Bramley (March 2009), which concluded that there is need for affordable housing in Bramley and that there is a good level of support from the community to justify a local needs scheme. Work is currently underway to identify suitable sites that would go towards meeting this need.

b) Associated Infrastructure (Paul Falconer's Comments – Principal Planning Policy Officer):

The recommendation that no substantial housing development be approved until a significant improvement has been made in the road system is an issue for consideration under specific planning applications. The Highways Authority would assess whether a particular proposal has a materially harmful impact on the road system and may require mitigation to address the increase in demand.

Waverley is currently preparing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan as part of the Local Development Framework process. This will include a schedule of planned capital projects. This has a direct relationship to Recommendation 3 in the Parish Plan related to Housing. An Infrastructure Providers Group has been set up to look at infrastructure issues across Waverley. Issues such as Broadband would be included.

Waverley already seeks contributions towards Infrastructure as part of planning applications for new housing and commercial development. Contributions are pooled towards capital projects on highways, education, libraries, playgrounds, playing pitches, sports centres, recycling, community facilities and environmental improvements. The Planning Infrastructure Contributions SPD can be found online:

http://www.waverley.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=365

Officers welcome the local information on the village's concerns regarding infrastructure as part of the evidence gathering process for the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

4) Litter, household waste, recycling

5) Shopping - reducing empty shops

6) Reopening the railway line (Paul Falconer's Comments – Principal Planning Policy Officer):

Officers prepared a report on the potential re-opening of the Guildford-Cranleigh rail link for the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A representative from Bramley Parish Council attended the public meeting. Copies of the relevant reports can be found at Appendix O of the Executive meeting on 2nd February 2010:

http://www.waverley.gov.uk/site/scripts/meetings_info.php?meetingID=283

