

# ENFORD PARISH PLAN - ISSUES ARISING

This document comprises a list of the issues raised as a result of the survey, and other consultation, carried out as part of the Parish Plan process. Below each issue is a list of the actions proposed to address the issue, and suggestions as to which organisation should lead. A full description of each action is at Annex A.

Full details of the survey results, a copy of the public presentation, minutes of meetings and various other documents related to the Parish Plan, can be viewed on the newsletter website at <http://enfordnewsletter.org/archive.php?cat=pp>

The following abbreviations are used throughout this document:

**All Committees - ECF, NC, PC, PCC, PHMC, PPSG, Pubs, VHMC, YC.**

**ECF - Enford Community Fund / Organising Committee**

**NC - Newsletter Committee**

**PC - Parish Council**

**PCC - Parochial Church Council**

**PHMC - Parish Hall Management Committee**

**PPSG - Parish Plan Steering Group**

**Pubs - Red Lion and Swan**

**RL - Red Lion**

**SEL - Swan Enford Limited**

**VHMC - Village Hall Management Committee**

**WC - Wiltshire Council**

**YC - Youth Club**

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## 1 Energy & Heating

**Issue** The survey showed that a high proportion of residents either use standard rate electricity for heating, or use oil but don't belong to a bulk purchase scheme. It is possible they are not getting the best deal on fuel costs.

**Currently** Economy 7 has been given a new lease of life by the latest generation of highly efficient and 'intelligent' storage heaters. Estimates suggest a 25% saving compared with older storage heaters.

There is also a bulk electricity buying scheme, promoted by CF (Ready to Switch). You can pre-register for the next bulk purchase at <http://readytoswitch.ichoosr.com/Product/index.rails?actionId=360>

Kirsty Cross (670213, [enfordoil@btinternet.com](mailto:enfordoil@btinternet.com)) is the local coordinator for the community bulk oil buying scheme.

Bulk coal/log buying schemes do appear to exist around the country, however no coal schemes in Wiltshire. There is a bulk log buying scheme but the timber does not seem to come from particularly local sources.

**Way Ahead** Continue to publicise bulk oil and electricity schemes.

Continue with newsletter articles on topics such as:

- How to convert to Economy 7.
- Alternatives such as heat pumps
- Low energy lighting
- Insulation
- Green Deal, etc

Encourage people to write in with their own experiences.

Speak with Community First and see if bulk coal/log buying schemes could be established.

**Related Actions**

**36 Energy - Publicise Bulk Oil and Electricity Schemes**

**Lead**

**PPSG**

37	Energy - Promote Domestic Energy Efficiency	PPSG
38	Energy - Investigate Bulk Coal/Log Buying Schemes	PPSG

## 2 Community Transport

**Issue** Members of the Youth Club raised the issue of a community minibus. The point being that more could be done, for the youth and older people in particular, if we had access to a community minibus.

Rather than spending money on new sports facilities in Enford, a minibus would allow access (eg. for the Youth Club) to under-utilised public sports facilities in the area such as (Durrington, Pewsey, Amesbury and Tidworth).

**Currently** The Community First Community Transport website (<http://www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk/passengers/local-community-transport-schemes>) lists the existing services available:

- Minibus hire
- Day trips
- Shopmobility schemes
- Social car schemes

In addition, they will provide support to communities wanting to set up their own minibus service.

**Way Ahead** It is possible we do not have the resources within the village to manage our own minibus service, or sufficient demand to justify ownership. But the PPSG should investigate the mechanism for hiring, and other community transport available to residents of Enford, and publicise this for the benefit of community groups such as Youth Club.

It is also proposed that the PC appoint an officer with responsibility for overseeing the area of community transport.

### Related Actions

39	PC - Public & Community Transport Officer	Lead
40	Community Transport Services	PC PPSG / NC

## 3 Central Village Facility

**Issue** The desire for a village shop and bakery was one of the most frequent observations in the survey.

Around 20% of respondents said they had regular deliveries of some groceries (eg. milk), and a bit less than 10% used the internet to order weekly shopping however, other than that, pretty much everyone regularly drives, or uses a bus, to get to a shop.

From a social perspective, people said what they really missed was having somewhere in the village they could walk to, and exchange a bit of conversation with someone.

**Currently** With existing shops in Netheravon and Upavon (less than 2 miles from the village centre), we don't meet the Community First funding criteria for assistance with setting up a community-owned shop. Given the small size of the community, and the proximity of existing shops, a new shop is in any case unlikely to be commercially viable as a stand-alone business.

On the other hand, sale of a limited range of products, combined with tea/coffee outside of normal pub hours, could function as a profit-making sideline for the two village pubs, and it is rumoured that the new landlords at the Swan already have something in mind along these lines.

In addition, a lot of very good work has been done by the Monday morning Avon Valley Get Together group at the

VH in organising a weekly social venue for residents of all ages who are mostly at home during the day.

**Way Ahead** There are two distinct requirements: establishing somewhere to buy a limited range of groceries and fresh bread; and establishing a regular daytime social venue.

For the first of these, the best chance of success would seem to lie in the pubs expanding their range of services. The sale of tea/coffee outside of normal pub hours could also go some way towards meeting the second requirement.

In addition, a regular venue (eg. coffee mornings) in one of the community halls, church or pubs (or on rotation between them all) would help to meet the second requirement, and could have multiple functions:

- Using the internet to do online shopping
- Computer tuition
- Have coffee and chat
- Bring young children to play
- Access information about what's going on in the local area
- Meet with the community police, parish council and other bodies (as an opportunity to build relationships, pass on information etc)
- Swop books, DVDs
- Buy and sell children's toys and clothes, etc
- Buy and sell local produce

A network of decent footpaths/cycle paths would also make it easier for people to come from the hamlets into the village, and mitigate parking issues by encouraging people to leave their cars behind.

#### **Related Actions**

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| <b>5</b>  | <b>New Footpaths</b>                         |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Village Information Centre / Tea Room</b> |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Community Market</b>                      |
| <b>41</b> | <b>Community Shop / Bakery</b>               |

#### **Lead**

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| <b>PPSG / PC</b>                |
| <b>PPSG / VHMC / PHMC / PCC</b> |
| <b>PPSG / VHMC</b>              |
| <b>PPSG / Pubs</b>              |

## **4 Community Cohesion**

**Issue** Not everybody feels included in the community - almost 2/3rds of survey respondents did not know many people outside their own locality.

This is possibly a reflection of the dispersed nature of the settlements within the Parish, as well as increasing preference for home entertainment as an alternative to socialising.

The fact that 89% of the residents are not originally from the parish, and mostly commute to work, also means they are less likely to have a network of friends and family in the vicinity.

Although the parish has a busy programme of events, it was apparent that many residents simply did not have the time to socialise, with others having difficulty attending community events due to age or disability, lack of transport and/or lack of money.

**Currently** The community has been well-served to date with a variety of entertainment events, and fairs and fetes of all description. Although all have been well advertised, attendance is not always as good as it could be.

In order to incentivise organisers to continue in this vein, it is incumbent on members of the community to show support by attending.

The Youth Club, the Saturday morning children's football training sessions, the church, the clubs and activities which take place in the PH and VH, all provide regular opportunities for socialising.

The Village Hall Committee also offers a free transport service to anyone unable to get to the hall under their own

steam.

**Way Ahead** There are already many opportunities for socialising, however more needs to be done to encourage and enable people to attend.

Suggestions for improved connectivity may help matters to some extent, as will involving more people in the running of the community.

Meanwhile, community halls and church should continue to provide a programme of low-cost community events. Ultimate responsibility rests with parishioners to attend them.

#### Related Actions

	Lead
5 New Footpaths	PPSG / PC
6 Noticeboards	PC
9 Newsletter - More Reader Contributions	NC
11 Parish Database of Contact Details	PC / NC
12 Village Information Centre / Tea Room	PPSG / VHMC / PHMC / PCC
16 VH - Transport for Older and/or Disabled People	PPSG / VHMC / NC
17 VH - Free and Subsidised Events	VHMC
20 Register of Volunteers	PPSG
22 Rotation of Committee Members	All Committees
35 Village Entertainments Committee	PC
41 Community Shop / Bakery	PPSG / Pubs
42 Community Participation	Everyone

## 5 Increase The Utilisation of the Village Hall

**Issue** The majority of survey respondents felt that the amount of organised entertainment is about right, and only a small number felt that it was too expensive, however the survey also suggests that the range of activities needs to be expanded in order to draw in a wider cross-section of the community.

There is also a perception that the hall is being run too much along business lines. The hire charges are still quite complex, and there is no concession for use by non-profit making organisations such as village governance bodies, charity fund raisers and the like.

**Currently** Although the Village Hall management committee do organise some entertainment, their primary role is to maintain the fabric of the Village Hall. To do this requires a steady flow of income, most of which comes from hiring out the hall.

Whilst the committee do grant some concessions and subsidies, handing out too many would result in a need to increase the fees to the other users.

Meanwhile the VH committee is reviewing its charge structure to see if this can be simplified (see the VH development plan at: [http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20130702\\_vh\\_draft\\_development\\_plan\\_v2.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20130702_vh_draft_development_plan_v2.pdf))

The fact that the hall continues to be well used suggests that the rates are competitive and fair.

**Way Ahead** To expand the range of activities will require more volunteers from the community who are willing to take responsibility for organising events and clubs.

Better attendance at entertainment events, and more people involved in their organisation, would allow more money to be spent and lead to a wider variety.

We should also continue to pursue the goal of a village entertainments committee which draws in all interested parties with a view to jointly organising a more diverse yearly programme of village entertainment.

<b>Related Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>20 Register of Volunteers</b>	<b>PPSG</b>
<b>34 VH - Hire Charges Review</b>	<b>VHMC</b>
<b>35 Village Entertainments Committee</b>	<b>PC</b>
<b>42 Community Participation</b>	<b>Everyone</b>

## 7 Develop The Church as a Community Asset

**Issue** The church is clearly valued as a community asset and, for those who regularly attend church services, the pattern of services appears to meet their needs.

There does however appear to be a general desire to see more use made of the church, possibly by other denominations, or for more secular community activities.

**Currently** As with the PH and VH, the primary function of the PCC is look after the fabric of the building and grounds, and make services available for worshippers as well as for weddings, funerals and baptisms. This currently means raising over £20K per annum - to which end the PCC has also staged a Military Wives Choir and other classical and jazz concerts, and runs an annual Christmas Fair in the VH.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) have stated that the church is a community asset and, as such, can be made available for appropriate extramural activities, subject to proposals from members of the community and subject to volunteers coming forward to run them.

**Way Ahead** As there is spare capacity elsewhere within the village for secular activities, there is generally no pressing need to hold these in the church except where the venue lends itself to the sort of activity, eg. the choir concerts.

In order to better utilise the church, this is perhaps achieved in the first instance by attracting more members. In this respect the PCC is encouraged to keep the community better informed, so as to encourage more engagement and a better level of support.

<b>Related Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>20 Register of Volunteers</b>	<b>PPSG</b>
<b>21 Publication of Minutes and Accounts</b>	<b>All Committees</b>
<b>22 Rotation of Committee Members</b>	<b>All Committees</b>
<b>43 Church - Development Plan</b>	<b>PCC</b>
<b>46 PC - Village Coordination Meetings</b>	<b>PC / All Committees</b>

## 9 Broadband

**Issue** 47% of survey respondents rated their broadband connection, in terms of speed and reliability, as either INADEQUATE or AWFUL (the main problem areas being the northern end of the parish, plus areas where there are insufficient lines due to too many shared / DAX phone lines).

**Currently** Broadband speed (using the existing infrastructure) has gradually improved over the last 2-3 years however is unlikely to make further progress without infrastructure improvement.

BT Openreach are scheduled to survey Enford early 2015, as part of the Rural Broadband programme. On conclusion of this we should find out what (if any) improvements will be made to local infrastructure.

In the meantime, with some users in E. Chisenbury reporting better than 5Mbps using the 3G mobile network, there is a viable (albeit slightly more expensive) alternative.

Plans for the rollout of 4G in this area are not known.

**Way Ahead** The PPSG will continue to monitor and report progress in bringing Rural Broadband and 4G to the area via the broadband blog (<http://broadbandinenford.blogspot.co.uk/>).

<b>Related Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>2 Broadband - Monitor and Report on Situation</b>	<b>PPSG</b>

## 10 PC - Engaging With The Community

**Issue** Various comments were made in the survey, to the effect that people wanted a better relationship with the PC, and more information about what was going on (ie. transparency and accountability).

**Currently** Some specific recommendations were made to the PC, by the PPSG, based on the comments extracted from the survey:

- That the Parish Council should engage more with the community and inform the Parish what they are doing.
- That more use made of the newsletter, emails, website and other media to put the PC message across (see the Pewsey PC website for a good example of this <http://www.pewsey-pc.gov.uk/Committees>)
- The PC should hold occasional 'beer and sandwich' type village meetings where people can talk to councillors in an informal and relaxed environment.
- That vacancies and re-elections are better advertised so as to give more opportunity to recruit new members and fresh ideas.
- The VH has better parking, heating, lighting, seating, more space, etc. It is possible that members of the public would be more inclined to attend meetings if the venue was moved there.

Since then, the PC have appointed a press officer who submits regular bulletins to the newsletter. The newsletter website has been updated to include more information about the PC (<http://enfordnewsletter.org/pc.php>). The last tranche of vacancies was advertised in advance of new members being co-opted.

**Way Ahead** With the fairly recent turnover of committee membership, things continue to move in the right direction. The PC should endeavour to maintain this momentum.

It is also proposed that details of precept meetings are in future published in advance so that the public can attend (as with other PC meetings).

<b>Related Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>6 Noticeboards</b>	<b>PC</b>
<b>10 PC - Reports and Minutes to be Published in the Newsletter</b>	<b>PC / NC</b>
<b>11 Parish Database of Contact Details</b>	<b>PC / NC</b>
<b>21 Publication of Minutes and Accounts</b>	<b>All Committees</b>
<b>22 Rotation of Committee Members</b>	<b>All Committees</b>
<b>45 PC - Precept Donations</b>	<b>PC / NC</b>

## 11 Engaging Volunteers

**Issue** Over half of respondents thought that they did not contribute enough to their community, and a third said they would like to contribute more.

However there seemed to exist an impression that village committees are closed shops which don't need (or want) more volunteers.

**Currently** Committees tend to hang on to members because it is often easier than finding fresh volunteers, however this can lead to stagnation and overstretch, with a relatively small number of people involved on multiple committees,

and/or doing a disproportionate amount of work.

**Way Ahead** There is an ongoing need to spread the load more evenly across the community. This is achieved by involving more people in the running of community activities, and by rotating committee membership more frequently than at present.

The PPSG will aim to build a register of community volunteers, where people can specify what sort of activity they would be prepared to undertake, and for how many hours per month.

Village committees should ensure that the community are kept abreast of their activities (via published minutes), and that committee membership are rotated on a regular basis.

**Related Actions**

**20 Register of Volunteers**

**21 Publication of Minutes and Accounts**

**22 Rotation of Committee Members**

**Lead**

**PPSG**

**All Committees**

**All Committees**

## 12 Crime Prevention

**Issue** Domestic crime is a fairly rare occurrence however, since the withdrawal of Salisbury Plain's MOD Police, there seems to have been an increase in illegal activity such as theft from farm and other outbuildings, hare coursing, off-road driving and car theft.

Overall crime rates in the area remain among the lowest in the country however, given our location in the centre of Salisbury Plain, isolated buildings are particularly vulnerable to break-in and theft.

**Currently** The NHW coordinator laid on a presentation by TH White in Devizes to explain what surveillance technology is currently available to help with policing of remote outbuildings.

TH White have offered a free survey for anyone who might be considering a security system for their property.

**Way Ahead** The NHW has provided a useful interface with the police however it is very much dependent on members of the public to feed in information on suspected criminal activity.

The new area coordinator should seek to engage fresh volunteers to fill the coordinator vacancies.

**Related Actions**

**19 Re-establish Neighbourhood Watch**

**Lead**

**PC**

## 14 Meeting the Needs of Older People and The Disabled

**Issue** The general lack of pavement and street lighting, the absence of any amenities in the parish, combined with difficulties accessing public transport, all make life difficult for older people and disabled, especially those who do not have a car or are unable to drive.

A recurring problem for non car users is getting to and from local shops, doctors surgeries and the hospitals. Whilst it is possible to catch the bus to Netheravon or Upavon, it is impractical to wait for the return bus - inevitably this means a long walk back. This can be quite a challenge for those who are not too good on their feet.

**Currently** The village has a high proportion of retired people - this is unlikely to change. Measures put in place now to improve their quality of life will benefit us all in due course.

The VHMC offers a free transport service to anyone unable to get to the hall under their own steam for film nights and other events.

For residents requiring transport further afield, contact details for the LINK organisation are published in the newsletter and on the newsletter website (<http://enfordnewsletter.org/contacts.php>). The Upavon Good Companions also publicise minibus outings in the newsletter.

People say they would like cheaper and more frequent bus services, however the very low usage figures suggest that even those who are entitled to free public transport (ie. pensioners) generally don't use it - making it very unlikely that Wilts & Dorset would be inclined to lay on more buses.

**Way Ahead** A car sharing scheme, combined with a community campaign to help older people and the disabled to get lifts to and from the shops or even local bus stops, would help a number of residents who don't drive.

Other community transport schemes, and the instigation of a befriending system for older people living alone.

The VHMC to lay on another tranche of computer help sessions and social gatherings aimed at the retired community, with possible establishment of an over 60s club for:

- Mini bus trips
- Occasional over-60s daytime lunches and dance evenings in the VH
- Coffee mornings and tea parties – occasionally with speakers

Possible improvements to street lighting and pavement have already been discussed with the Parish Council.

<b>Related Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>8</b> <b>VH - Computer Help Sessions</b>	<b>VHMC</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Village Information Centre / Tea Room</b>	<b>PPSG / VHMC / PHMC / PCC</b>
<b>16</b> <b>VH - Transport for Older and/or Disabled People</b>	<b>PPSG / VHMC / NC</b>
<b>17</b> <b>VH - Free and Subsidised Events</b>	<b>VHMC</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Car Sharing</b>	<b>PPSG</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Older People - Awareness Campaign</b>	<b>NC</b>
<b>32</b> <b>Road Safety Improvements</b>	<b>PC</b>
<b>40</b> <b>Community Transport Services</b>	<b>PPSG / NC</b>
<b>41</b> <b>Community Shop / Bakery</b>	<b>PPSG / Pubs</b>
<b>50</b> <b>Shopping Scooters</b>	<b>PC / PPSG</b>

## 15 Meeting the Needs of Young People

**Issue** Around 40% of survey respondents said they were dissatisfied with the activities and facilities provided for younger people in the parish.

On the other hand, over 50% of respondents, who have children, also said that their children had never attended the village Youth Club or any of the organised holiday activities run for young people.

The most popular suggestion from the survey was for a recreational facility for older children, along the lines of either:

- A skateboard park or
- BMX track.

**Currently** As the parish no longer has a school, the focus for children's activity is the Youth Club, held every Friday evening at the VH.

The club is well-managed, well-equipped, ideally situated and has an enthusiastic team of leaders however, despite being well-attended overall by children in the Avon valley, only about 20% of those who attend regularly are from the parish. The club also struggles from time to time to attract sufficient adult volunteers.



In addition to the Youth Club, members of the football club run junior football coaching sessions on the sports field on Saturday mornings, and there is a (Parish Council maintained) playpark at the top of Grants Road for younger children.

The ECF, in partnership with the VH, organise a summer fete, autumn fireworks and halloween and a children's Christmas party each year. The Tidworth Youth Development Team have laid on a day of summer activities for the last 2 years. There is a 'Messy Church' session every month. The VH have laid on 2 theatre productions, during the past year, aimed at a junior audience. There are also nearby Scout Groups at Upavon, Larkhill, Bulford and Amesbury.

Nonetheless, it would appear that the needs of a significant number of children (particularly older children) are not being met.

**Way Ahead** Due to the dispersed nature of the parish, there is no single location for a new play facility which would allow easy access to all children. As the Grants Road area has the highest density of young families, this would be the obvious choice or, alternatively, the VH sports field.

There were moves in Feb 2013 to acquire a piece of land (adjacent to the existing playpark behind paddock Close) from the county council for use as a new play facility, however this has since fizzled out, and the land is now being considered for low cost housing instead.

There is scope to establish something at the VH, however the VH is fairly remote, and currently accessed only via the C32 road. Better footpath/cycle path connectivity would undoubtedly give children improved (as well as safer) access to play facilities.

Before giving any go-ahead to low cost housing, the PC should identify whether there any feasible alternative sites to Paddock Close for a new children's play facility. The PPSG, in conjunction with the PC, then need to re-establish a project team to determine what sort of facility should be constructed and where, and how it will be financed.

#### **Related Actions**

	<b>Lead</b>
<b>5 New Footpaths</b>	<b>PPSG / PC</b>
<b>13 Identify Public-owned and MOD-owned Land Within the Parish</b>	<b>PC</b>
<b>20 Register of Volunteers</b>	<b>PPSG</b>
<b>29 VH - Events For Young People</b>	<b>VHMC</b>
<b>31 Wiltshire Youth Services</b>	<b>YC / VHMC</b>
<b>44 Establishment of a Playparks Project Team</b>	<b>PC / PPSG /YC</b>

## **17 Database of Contact Details**

**Issue** The majority of residents do NOT feel that having a parish phone directory, website, email list or facebook page is in any way an invasion of privacy.

In which case it would greatly improve communication within the parish if key personnel had access to a comprehensive list of contact details.

**Currently** There are several sources of contact details available for use by the PC and other key personnel, should they so wish, including:

- Electoral roll (re-issued annually, names and addresses only)
- An out of date parish telephone directory (this contains names, addresses and telephone numbers, but only for those residents who agreed at the time for them to be published and distributed).
- A list of email addresses maintained by the former NHW area coordinator.

**Way Ahead** The existing databases of village addresses, phone numbers and email addresses needs to be merged into one database, then formally adopted by the parish council, and configured to allow its use by responsible people within the community, for example:

- Parish Clerk (for PC matters)
- NHW coordinator (for police bulletins)

- Church, VH, PH and ECF (for advertising of community events)
- Flood warden

Parishioners should be given the option of opting out of routine email correspondence, and from the published telephone directory, however details should remain on the database so that emergency contact can always be established if necessary.

**Related Actions**

**Lead**

**11 Parish Database of Contact Details**

**PC / NC**

## 18 Traffic and Road Safety

**Issue** Over 2/3rds of respondents were concerned to some degree over road safety. Concerns include: speeding traffic; street lighting; car parking; HGVs and tractors causing road subsidence and erosion of verges; lack of pavement and use of C32 as a rat run to Upavon camp.

**Currently** The concerns were presented to the Parish Council at the January 2014 PC meeting..

A list of these, together with the PC response, can be viewed at [http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20140814\\_road\\_safety.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20140814_road_safety.pdf).

**Way Ahead** Given the current financial hardships being endured by local government, it is unlikely that money will be available in the near future to address these concerns.

It is however suggested that the PC maintain a list of endorsed, prioritised road safety improvement projects, to be used for mopping up local authority / MOD 'end of financial year' underspends, as and when such money and resources once again become available.

**Related Actions**

**Lead**

**5 New Footpaths**

**PPSG / PC**

**32 Road Safety Improvements**

**PC**

## 21 PC - Community Co-ordination / Governance

**Issue** The survey indicated that people sense a lack of cooperation and communication between the various village committees, and would like to see them working more closely together with each other.

**Currently** Following the results of the survey, the PPSG recommended that the PC should chair bi-annual meetings with the other parish committees with a view to:

- Facilitating coordination of event planning
- Facilitating coordination of mutual assistance between committees
- Monitoring governance of the parish committees (auditing and publication of accounts and minutes of meetings; holding of regular meetings; periodic turnover of committee members) and promoting best practice
- Agreeing allocation of precept and community fund donations on a basis of need, and on a basis of where they will provide most cost-effective benefit to the community
- Coordinating and overseeing bids for community area grants and the like

It is also proposed that the above agenda is extended to include progress and reporting on implementation of the Parish Plan.

**Way Ahead** Although currently averaging 6 or 7 meetings a year, the PC is only legally obliged to hold 3 meetings annually, in addition to the annual meeting (see <http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/pc/Parish%20Council%20Governance%20Toolkit.pdf>). So, it would be possible to include the 2 new coordination meetings, without increasing the workload, by reducing the number of ordinary meetings.

**Related Actions**

- 45 PC - Precept Donations
- 46 PC - Village Coordination Meetings

**Lead**

- PC / NC
- PC / All Committees

## 23 Passage of Information

**Issue** There were a number of suggestions for improving communication in the village:

- Parish Council reports and minutes in the newsletter
- Use of email to pass information in between newsletters
- A village information centre
- More reader contributions in the newsletter

Also, the current noticeboards are old and (in some cases) decaying, and they may not be optimally located.

**Currently** The newsletter committee already publish minutes of meetings on the newsletter website (<http://enfordnewsletter.org/index.php>), and the village distribution list is used for passage of important information in between newsletters.

Reader contributions to the newsletter are always gratefully received, and photographs and comments can be posted on the Enford Facebook page by anyone with a Facebook account. The VHMC also set up free computer help sessions to assist beginners to access information on-line.

The highest population density is on the estates on Water Lane however there are no noticeboards in that area. There is nothing near the bus shelters. The boards in the center of Enford don't have any pavement to stand on.

**Way Ahead** A village information centre / tea room would be nice to have, however would need a venue and volunteers to run it.

Meanwhile, enhancements to the VH are intended to include a broadband access point VH, and a small library of village information.

The PC should also consider putting in place a programme for the rolling replacement of the existing noticeboards, and also consider whether the new ones might be better located differently from where they are at the moment.

**Related Actions**

- 6 Noticeboards
- 7 VH - Broadband Access
- 8 VH - Computer Help Sessions
- 9 Newsletter - More Reader Contributions
- 10 PC - Reports and Minutes to be Published in the Newsletter
- 12 Village Information Centre / Tea Room

**Lead**

- PC
- VHMC
- VHMC
- NC
- PC / NC
- PPSG / VHMC / PHMC / PCC

## 29 Community Energy Project

**Issue** The roof of the village hall is well situated for a solar panel array. The feed-in tariff is currently 13p /kwh for upto 10kw arrays (the hall should manage 10kw).

**Currently** With the gradually increasing risk of large-scale disruption of the electricity supply, it would be reassuring to know that, in an emergency, the VH could provide some sanctuary.

**Way Ahead** Such an installation might possibly be funded through the Green Deal (<http://www.planlocal.org.uk/pages/energy-efficiency-and-the-green-deal/identifying-opportunities-in-your-community>) or by selling shares to members of the community (see this study of a community energy project in Corsham <http://homepages.see.leeds.ac.uk/>)

[~ecac/ejournal/issue6\\_files/6;%2046-71.pdf](http://ecac/ejournal/issue6_files/6;%2046-71.pdf)).

To maximise utilisation of daytime electricity, we could also consider installing electric vehicle charging points in the VH carpark. Perhaps buy some shopping scooters for hire as well.

**Related Actions**

- 49 VH - Community Energy
- 50 Shopping Scooters

**Lead**

- VHMC / PPSG
- PC / PPSG

## 32 Community Market

**Issue** Around 85% of respondents said that they would buy from a local market, if one existed. Around 20% would use a local market for selling their own produce.

**Currently** The Monday morning Avon Valley Get Together group have held car boot sales at the Village Hall, and jumble sales are held occasionally in the Parish Hall. The church lays on an annual Christmas fair, and the summer fete is also used by local producers.

There is a cooperative organisation called country markets (<http://www.country-markets.co.uk/>) which facilitates home produce growers and home artisans to sell their produce. The nearest markets are currently Amesbury and Shrewton.

**Way Ahead** The PPSG to canvas for volunteers to investigate establishment of an occasional market, probably at the VH, for members of the community to buy and sell local produce.

Probably hold every a couple of times a year to start with. Perhaps combined with car boot and jumble sale and/or Christmas market.

**Related Actions**

- 18 Community Market

**Lead**

- PPSG / VHMC

## 33 Allotments / Community Farm

**Issue** A number of survey respondents would like to see allotments made available.

**Currently** Provision, and management, of allotments is a function of the Parish Council, however there have been no council-controlled allotments (or any apparent requirement) for many years.

There is land, which is used as allotments, near the entrance to Water Lane however this is not under control of the parish council, and ownership of the land is unknown.

There is some publicly (ie. Wiltshire Council) owned land which could be transferred to, or rented by, the parish, however most of the land around the parish is owned by the MOD.

**Way Ahead** The Parish Council is requested to identify and map the locations of public and MOD owned land within the parish.

Meanwhile the PPSG need to confirm what is the actual demand for allotments, whether there are sufficient volunteers to manage them, and to identify possible sites with access to a water supply.

On conclusion of the above, an allotments committee should be established under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council with a view to implementing this project.

**Related Actions**

- 13 Identify Public-owned and MOD-owned Land Within the Parish
- 14 Allotments - Confirm Actual Demand

**Lead**

- PC
- PPSG

### 35 Bridge Building Lectures / Talks

**Issue** The survey established that 89% of the community were NOT born in Enford and may have limited knowledge of farming, country life and the history of the area.

**Currently** A number of people said they would like to hear informal talks on these, and other related, topics.

**Way Ahead** It would help promote social cohesion and tolerance if people had a better understanding of the roles of other users of the countryside.

#### Related Actions

1 VH - Local Interest Lectures

#### Lead

PPSG / VHMC

### 37 Litter

**Issue** Almost half of survey respondents were occasionally or regularly annoyed about litter. In particular:

- Fly tipping.
- Overflowing refuse bin at bus stop shelter.

The litter bin at the play park also overflows from time to time, and there was a recent article in the newsletter about fly-tipping in the Water Lane area.

**Currently** The provision of public litter bins is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, including the bin at the bus stop, junction A345/Enford Hill.

Emptying of public litter bins is also the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, including those at the bus stops. Although areas such as ours are only done on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

PCs can provide additional bins at their own expense, but are then responsible for emptying these. eg. Enford Play Park. That rubbish can be put out with ordinary household waste providing it is put into plastic orange rubbish bags obtainable from WC at additional cost.

The Parish Council have access to litter-picking equipment, and annual parish litter sweeps have, in the past, been organised by members of the Parish Council and NHW.

**Way Ahead** A small community such as ours must, necessarily, tackle litter on a self-help basis, and this is best achieved at street level.

It is suggested that the Parish Council re-institute one day each year as a community litter sweep, advertise this in the newsletter and make available litter collection equipment on that day to anyone wishing to take part.

The PC may also wish to mount a public awareness campaign, via the newsletter.

#### Related Actions

23 Litter - Community Litter Sweep

24 Litter - Public Awareness Campaign

#### Lead

PC / NC / YC / NHW

PC / NC

### 38 PH - Development Plan

**Issue** There were many comments in the survey concerning the Parish Hall. People who commented were fairly polarised between those who consider it to be a part of the village's history, and would like to preserve it for posterity, and

those who see it as redundant and would like to demolish it.

**Currently** The debate over the the PH has been running for many decades. Meanwhile, the results of the village survey have been passed to the PHMC and PC, who are the joint trustees of the hall.

**Way Ahead** If the PHMC are committed to preserving the PH for posterity then they should seek to improve the level of support from the community. This can be achieved in the first instance through better communication via the newsletter and website:

- Advance notice of meetings and events.
- Publication of minutes of meetings, end of year accounts, committee membership, hire charges, etc.

The PH would also benefit by having a defined role in the community, which is distinct from that of the VH (see suggestions at [http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20130702\\_Public\\_Presentation.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20130702_Public_Presentation.pdf) and [http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20130702\\_table\\_discussions.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20130702_table_discussions.pdf))

The management committee is also encouraged to publish its development plan for the future of the hall, so that the community can feel confident that the PH will have sufficient funds to carry out such maintenance and renovation as is necessary to secure its continued existence.

#### Related Actions

12	Village Information Centre / Tea Room
18	Community Market
20	Register of Volunteers
21	Publication of Minutes and Accounts
22	Rotation of Committee Members
46	PC - Village Coordination Meetings
53	PH - Development Plan

#### Lead

PPSG / VHMC / PHMC / PCC
PPSG / VHMC
PPSG
All Committees
All Committees
PC / All Committees
PHMC

## 39 Housing & Planning

**Issue** The subject of housing needs, possible building plots, and planning procedures was not addressed in the questionnaire however was subsequently discussed with the PC along the lines of:

- What is our housing strategy?
- What guidelines do the PC use when considering planning applications?
- What land could be utilised for housing if the County Council core strategy required us to meet a housing quota?

The PC response is documented at ([http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20140814\\_planning.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20140814_planning.pdf)).

**Currently** Although the WCC-owned land behind Paddock Close is listed as an 'exception site' according to the Wiltshire Core Strategy, the pressure to build new homes is now such that WCC are seeking approval to build up to 6 affordable/low cost homes there, predominantly for elderly people.

WC, with the cooperation of the PC, are currently in the process of sending out a housing needs questionnaire to all residents.

**Way Ahead** As has already been identified elsewhere in this plan, there are a number of problems for elderly people living in the village, particularly those on low incomes who may not have the use of a car.

Given that there is already a higher than average ratio of old to young people within the village, we should consider carefully whether we should be building houses for elderly people, or whether we would do better to try and attract more young families.

As the land in question had previously been earmarked as a potential new play facility, do we want to build houses there at all?

Once the survey results are known the PC should call a public meeting so that these issues can be debated before a final decision is reached.

**Related Actions**

**Lead**

**51 Affordable Homes at Paddock Close**

**PC**

## 40 Emergency Planning

**Issue** This is not something which was addressed in the survey however, following the severe flooding in 2013/2014, there is a clear need to have a document which addresses such things as:

- Who to speak to in the event of flooding.
- How to obtain sand and sand bags for flood defences.
- What to do if you are flooded
- Location of the nearest emergency rest centre
- Who to contact in the event of other types of emergency.
- Management of the recently acquired defibrillator.

**Currently** WCC have now raised the requirement for a flood warden in the village. Together with the PC they are also constructing a flood map of the area.

In addition the VH has recently been designated by Wiltshire Council as an Emergency Rest Centre for the village (training and briefing to be provided by WCC in due course), and has been designated by Netheravon Primary School as an Emergency venue for classroom facilities.

**Way Ahead** It is proposed that the PC should take the lead in constructing a document (for publication on the village website) which deals with emergency flood, and other contingency, planning within the parish.

It is also suggested that Swan Enford Limited consider constructing a set of duckboards to enable pedestrian access to the pub, during time of floods, from the road to the other side of Hill House.

**Related Actions**

**Lead**

**3 Duckboards**

**SEL**

**4 Emergency Plan**

**PC / NC / VHMC**

**11 Parish Database of Contact Details**

**PC / NC**

## 42 Footpaths

**Issue** The parish has a number of footpaths however these mostly radiate outwards on to the plain, and provide little connectivity between areas of habitation and to facilities such as the playpark, VH and pubs.

With the C32 increasingly dangerous, on account of traffic, many people are put off travelling around the village by any means other than 4 wheels. This is a limitation for children, for people without cars and anyone who would just like to walk to the pubs or functions at the village hall.

**Currently** Although not a topic which was addressed in the parish plan survey, the steering group discussed whether creating new public footpaths might not be a partial solution to the connectivity issues.

**Way Ahead** The process for creating new footpaths has since been discussed with the PC, and the steering group will aim to investigate further, with a view to consulting the community regarding possible routes once we have an idea of general feasibility.

**Related Actions**

**Lead**

**5 New Footpaths**

**PPSG / PC**

## 43 Reducing Car Usage

**Issue** As a community, we are very car-dependent. 75% of us commute daily by car or motorbike. 98% of us use cars for the weekly shop. With 91% of us also using their cars simply to pop down to the nearest shop.

**Currently** The lack of any shops in the village, combined with: infrequent public transport; poor connectivity (in terms of footpaths or cycle paths between areas of habitation); lack of any pavement to walk or cycle on; fast moving traffic and narrow, unsafe, poorly lit public roads all conspire to deter us from walking or cycling other than for recreational purposes.

However the more we use our cars, the more we exacerbate the road safety problems, the less personal contact we have with each other and the more harm we do to the environment.

**Way Ahead** The evidence suggests that few people would have any qualms about car sharing (ie. only 11% of survey respondents said they would feel uncomfortable or embarrassed).

Road safety improvements, together with the creation of some new foot/cycle paths, and a newsletter campaign, could also help to persuade people to cycle and walk to the nearest shops.

### Related Actions

	Lead
5 New Footpaths	PPSG / PC
25 Car Sharing	PPSG
32 Road Safety Improvements	PC
33 Newsletter - On Your Bike Campaign	NC

## 44 PC - Community Area

**Issue** After many years of being a part of Pewsey community area, Enford has recently been moved under Tidworth. Given that our children do not attend the schools there, we do not use the shops there, and there are no direct bus (or even road) routes, what possible benefit can this bring us?

**Currently** With Tidworth now on the way to becoming a 'super garrison', will Enford ever be more than anything other than an irrelevant blip on their distant horizon?

On the other hand, we have much closer links with Pewsey, particularly the schools, the carnival, the A345 and the rail station.

**Way Ahead** It is suggested that the PC look at the pros and cons of Enford remaining under Tidworth Community Area, and investigate whether we have the option of returning to Pewsey area.

### Related Actions

	Lead
47 Community Area Re-Allocation	PC

## 45 Outdoor Exercise Equipment

**Issue** There were many different suggestions for extending the range and variety of sporting and recreational facilities at the village hall, however no one specific proposal had an any significant level of support.

**Currently** After due consideration, it was felt that general purpose exercise equipment would provide most benefit, and the proposal has been added to the VH development plan at: [http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish\\_plan/20130702\\_vh\\_draft\\_development\\_plan\\_v2.pdf](http://enfordnewsletter.org/pdf/parish_plan/20130702_vh_draft_development_plan_v2.pdf).



Given the abundance of space outdoors, it was also felt that the logical approach would be to install outdoor exercise equipment. Having the equipment outdoors would also provide round the clock access to everyone.

**Way Ahead** The website (see <http://fresh-airfitness.co.uk/category/starter-pack/>) shows a starter pack for £2800 (self installation) or £6000 (including installation). There is abundant space around the perimeter of the recreation ground

This would require some major fund raising activity however likely to be a popular choice as it can be used by most people, is generally maintenance free, vandalproof and users require no organising or supervision.

The VHMC should agree proposals with the other committees and seek funding from the ECF, precept and Area Board.

**Related Actions**

**52 Outdoor Exercise Equipment**

**Lead**

**VHMC**