

## PARISH PLAN PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

This Parish Plan was commissioned by the Parish Council in 2012 (the project was agreed and endorsed at the April 2012 Annual Parish Meeting) with the aim of finding out more about the community, what its residents think about living here and what makes us tick. Most importantly what measures might be taken to maintain, and improve, our happiness and wellbeing.

Since then, a number of public meetings have been held, and a survey conducted to answer some of these questions – all the information which was collected can be viewed on the newsletter website (http://enfordnewsletter.org/archive.php?cat=pp).

It has taken a bit longer than we envisaged but, at last, the plan is substantially complete. Printed copies of the finished plan will be distributed in due course however, in the meantime, you can view the current draft online at the web address shown above – in fact viewing online is the preferred reading method on account of the many hyperlinks embedded in the document.

#### What's Next?

Many of the actions in the plan are concerned with governance, accountability, transparency and communication, and are for the Parish Council and various other village committees to implement (many are already being implemented). A number of others will require involvement of members of the community to form new project teams, carry out surveys and investigations, conduct trials and feasibility studies, raise funds and generally get their hands dirty.

So, what happens next depends entirely on what we collectively want to happen next, and how much we are prepared to do in order to make it happen. On the following page is a list of the actions/projects, arising from the many issues which we the community have identified over the past couple of years, and which will require community involvement. On the page after that is a form which you are quested to fill in and return, stating which of these you consider to be most important.

Finally, the form also asks you to state whether you are willing to donate your time towards helping out with one or more of these projects. Don't be put off if you don't think you have any appropriate skills – the most important commodity on any team is enthusiasm!

### **Parish Plan Steering Group**

### **Parish Plan Actions and Projects**

**Local Interest Lectures** – Arrange for informal talks in the Village Hall by such people as: local farmers, Defence Estates, environmental organisations, hunters, anglers, local industry, archaeologists, county council, etc to explain how the land and environment is used and managed.

**New Footpaths** - Investigate the feasibility of creating new footpaths and/or cycle paths to help join up the community by means other than the roads.

**Allotments** –Investigate the demand for allotments, whether there would be sufficient volunteers to manage them, and to identify possible sites. Set up an allotments committee.

**Community Market** - Investigate the feasibility of establishing an occasional market (other than at Christmas), probably at the VH, for members of the community to buy, sell or exchange local produce. Could be extended to a Newsletter web app for locals to buy, sell, exchange or even borrow things from each other.

Car Sharing – Conduct a trial, of Wiltshire Liftshare (<a href="https://wiltshire.liftshare.com/">https://wiltshire.liftshare.com/</a>) and the car sharing application for mobile devices (Bla Bla Car, <a href="https://www.blablacar.co.uk/">https://www.blablacar.co.uk/</a>), to see how well it works. If successful, launch a campaign to get members of the community to sign up for the benefit of all.

**Play Park For Older Children** - Re-establish the play parks project team with the aim of creating a new play area for older children. Need to determine what sort of facility could be constructed (skateboard, BMX, etc), where it should be located, and how it will be financed.

**Outdoor Exercise Equipment** - Investigate the installation of outdoor exercise equipment on the recreation ground by the Village Hall. See examples at <a href="http://fresh-airfitness.co.uk/starter-pack/">http://fresh-airfitness.co.uk/starter-pack/</a>.

**Events For Young People and The Over 60s** – Making better use of the Village Hall by organising events especially for members of the community who are not of working age.

**Shopping Scooters** – Investigate the feasibility of purchasing one or more community-owned shopping scooters, with attendant combined storage/charging points at one or two locations in the village, to enable older people to get to the local shops.

# Parish Plan Questionnaire Number 2

Feel free to make copies of this form if more than one member of the household wishes to vote (you can download the file from the newsletter website and either email back to <a href="mailto:steve@becker.globalnet.co.uk">steve@becker.globalnet.co.uk</a> or print them and post as per instructions below), <a href="mailto:however">however</a> please ensure that each form has a name and contact details.

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