

CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Action Plan 2017/18

The Parish Plan is intended to be an evolutionary document which will be reviewed and updated annually with priorities based on recurrent items raised by parishioners and current projects being undertaken by the Council.

Reduce the impact of speeding

The impact of speeding vehicles through the parish was raised as the number one concern by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council pursued the reinstatement of the speed camera which has already had a significant impact on the issue of speeding. In addition, speed limits have been moved further out of the parish following a review of the A37 undertaken by B&NES Council. The Parish Council will consider signage to support this priority and will monitor. The Parish Council have a commitment to reduce the impact of speeding for the benefit of all residents.

Improve signage in the Parish

The Parish Council are undertaking a sign rationalisation project within the Parish having secured £10,000 from B&NES Council. This project has been delegated to the Planning, Licencing and Highways Working Party who will undertake a full review of signage and report back to the full Parish Council with recommendations. The review will also include litter and dog bins. Residents views and ideas are encouraged.

Hold B&NES Council to account for the Air Quality Management Plan and measures to reduce the impact of Pollution on residents

Several years ago the Parish Council asked B&NES Council to assess air pollution in the Parish. The B&NES Environmental Protection Team at the time confirmed that the A37 had been included in their review and assessment work but had not been identified as an area of concern as they had previously had monitoring in Pensford which was $31 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2012 (this is below the Government's Objective of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The current Parish Council requested further action from B&NES Council to assess the situation during April 2016.

Due to the concerns raised by the current Parish Council, B&NES Council agreed to install a diffusion tube monitor on the A37 where the road narrowed. The results of the initial assessment period indicated high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide which was surprising even to B&NES Council. An additional four diffusion tubes were installed as a result so that a more comprehensive study could be undertaken which would better inform the boundary of the high levels of pollution.

The full results from the additional diffusion tubes became available during early May 2017 and the Parish Council invited the B&NES Environmental Protection Team to attend the Parish Council Meeting to explain the results to parishioners and the further action they would be taking as a result. At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th May 2017, Cathryn Brown, Team Manager for Licencing and Environmental Protection, Aled Williams, Environmental Protection Team Manager and Dr Nicola Courthold, Senior Public Protection Officer (all from B&NES Council) were welcomed to the Parish Council Meeting. A presentation was made on the data obtained from the diffusion tubes and what further action B&NES Council will be taking and is now available on the Parish Council website.

Key findings include that locations within Temple Cloud exceed the Government's annual mean objectives for Nitrogen Dioxide. B&NES Council will declare an Air Quality Management Area for Temple Cloud. A Public Consultation will be run and an Air Quality Action Plan published. The Parish Council are concerned about the high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide and the implications this has for residents. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring

that all residents are kept informed of developments as the public consultation is undertaken and will positively engage with the team at B&NES Council to ensure that these results are acted on in order to reduce harm to our residents.

Increase recreation provisions within the Parish

The number of residents in the Parish is increasing due to two developments underway on Temple Inn Lane. The Parish Council secured S106 funding from the developers to the value of £71,000 which was provided for an increased play area provision. The project will ensure that play equipment caters for a greater number of residents and a wide range of needs. The expansion of the existing Play Area is due to commence on Monday 17th July and is expected to take 3 – 4 weeks to complete. The Parish Council considered all age ranges and abilities in the selection of the final design.

Increase Community Engagement Activities

The Parish Council wish to increase their community engagement activities and have made a commitment to host coffee mornings on a quarterly basis. The next coffee morning will include a consultation on the Memorial Garden on the Village Green and will take place in September 2017. In addition, the Parish Council hosts a website and active Facebook page and is keen to forge even greater links with organisation's and groups in the Parish. The Parish Council wish to engage with ALL residents of the parish - young or older, able or not so able bodied, ranging from those who may have lived in the Parish their whole life to those who have just arrived. Everyone has a right to be heard.

Occupy and Manage the Village Hall

The Parish Council wish to occupy and manage the Village Hall for the benefit of all residents.

It is recognised that there is an expectation amongst Parishioners that the Village Hall falls under the remit of the Parish Council. Up to this point, the Village Hall has been owned by the Parish Council but managed entirely by a separate committee as part of a lease agreement. The Parish Council recognise the lease dated 18th April 1996, title number AV120512 governs the basis of the present Temple Cloud Village Hall Project occupancy. The Parish Council considered a number of options after seeking advice in relation to their position and having considered their obligations to ensure that the Village Hall remains a long term and sustainable community asset available to all.

The Parish Council are currently following a legal process in order to take over the management of the Village Hall for the benefit of all.

Memorial Garden

The Parish Council wish to install a Memorial Garden on the Village Green. The Parish Council wish for this project to be community led and are holding a coffee morning to consult with parishioners to progress the design. Ideas and views are encouraged and welcome. The Parish Council proposal is for the memorial Garden project to be complete prior to the 100 year commemoration in 2018.

Become a Quality Council

At the November 2016 Parish Council Meeting the Parish Council resolved to become a Quality Council and registered with National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to undertake the Foundation Award. The award provides a useful structure to ensure progress towards the Council's aspirations to be a transparent and professional council. The Parish Council have been hard at working ensuring all of the requirements for Foundation level are in place and are committed to becoming a Quality Council. Once all of the requirements the Parish Council will make a resolution and then be assessed.