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Background

Production of parish plans started in 2001 following the launch of Countryside Agency's Vital Villages Programme as implementation of the Government's Rural White Paper. The Vital Villages Programme was a national programme of funding based on three grant schemes: Parish Transport Grant, Community Service Grant and Parish & Town Plans Grant.

The national scheme was administered by Countryside Agency but local support of parish plans was undertaken by Rural Community Councils nationally, Community First in Wiltshire & Swindon, under a Service Level Agreement with Countryside Agency. 'On the ground' promotion, advice and support supplemented the national guidance pack and grant application process.

In Wiltshire & Swindon parish plans had a relatively slow start, possibly due to the well established and active community area planning process in Wiltshire. However between 2001 and closure of the scheme in April 2004, 13 parishes were successful in their applications for funding from the Vital Villages Programme to support production of parish plans. These were:

PARISH	DISTRICT
Chiseldon	Swindon Borough
Minety	North Wiltshire
Ashton Keynes	North Wiltshire
Lydiard Millicent	North Wiltshire
Hilmarton	North Wiltshire
Christian Malford	North Wiltshire
Urchfont	Kennet
Market Lavington	Kennet
Great Cheverell	Kennet
Dinton	Salisbury
Durrington	Salisbury
Aldbury	Salisbury
Mere	Salisbury

Although there have been several changes to the grant programmes that support them, parish plans have continued to be produced and are now established as the cornerstone of local community planning.

Currently grant funding for parish plans is provided by Defra through the Rural Social & Community Programme and Defra also fund Community First's support work for parish plans. Both these funding arrangements are confirmed until end of current 2007-08 financial year.

In Wiltshire, 13 new parish plans are currently in production and many more parishes have expressed interest in finding out more about them. Despite this continued interest the number of parish plans either completed or in preparation remains low in comparison to some other areas of the country. Even where national grant funding is supplemented by funds from supportive Local Authorities uptake has remained modest, although there are some differences between districts.

In Salisbury District parish plans have been fully embraced as a means for preparing the community strategy. Consequently the number of active groups continues to grow; a situation which is assisted by support of a dedicated parish plan officer, grant funding and a well developed validation process. This is supplemented by a training programme delivered by Community First as part of a Service Level Agreement with SDC and Wiltshire County Council. This 4 session training programme is targeted at parish plan steering group representatives and has been developed to promote best practice in community consultation, and in drafting the final plan.

In North Wiltshire numbers of parish plans are also growing, and although there is no dedicated officer support, parishes benefit from some grant funding and supportive attitude of officers and Councillors.

Kennet District, West Wiltshire and Swindon Borough in contrast have both fewer completed plans and less current parish plans in preparation. In Kennet village design statements are still prepared in some numbers and receive officer support from the planning authority for their preparation.

By late 2006 it had become evident that Wiltshire & Swindon were unlikely to have a flood of parish plans compared to some other areas. Promotion of parish plans to both Parish Councils and Local Authorities has been hampered by some of the issues mentioned above, but increasingly by lack of evidence about their impact and effectiveness.

As some of the earliest plans had been completed well over a year ago the time is right to revisit some of these early parish plans and find out what

difference they have made to the communities which were amongst the first to undertake the parish plan process. We aim to find out what impact these parish plans have had on Parish Councils and local communities, how they are being used and any barriers to their implementation.

Key Findings

- **Parish Councils have assumed overall responsibility** for implementing the plans, sometimes with the ongoing support of the original parish plan steering group
- Feedback and **updates about progress** on the plan are either already being produced or are planned for the Annual Parish Meeting or parish newsletter
- PCs are **using parish plans as policy documents** to guide their work programmes, perhaps by having the plan as a standing agenda item at each Parish Council meeting.
- Parish plans are being used to **progress specific issues and funding bids**
- **Barriers to implementation** include funding, lack of someone to co-ordinate and lack of support from external agencies
- Five out of eight parishes had **received external funding** for parish plan projects
- Mere, Salisbury District, have received £44,500 for sports and recreational facilities as a result of identified actions in the parish plan
- Majority of parishes are still **seeking funding** for a range of projects, particularly village hall projects
- Half the parishes had **received requests from other agencies**, mainly PCs, for information from the parish plan
- PCs expressed mixed views about the **support of District Councils** but this was generally felt to be better on individual issues than overall support of the plan
- Parishes are split on how influential they feel the plan is. **Planning issues** were the most frequently mentioned area of influence although PCs seem uncertain about role of plans in Local Development Framework.
- About half of the parishes have some involvement in the **community planning** process.
- **Closer links** had been forged with a number of agencies, mainly environmental groups, as a result of the parish plan.
- Half the parishes surveyed had used the plan to **support funding** applications to both national and local funding bodies.

- Most parishes **are enthusiastic about the role of the parish plan** as a strategy document.
- PCs found it difficult to attribute **any increase in numbers of community groups** or events to the parish plan
- There have been several positive **impacts of parish plans on communities** as they have led to new people becoming involved in community activity, better networking between existing groups, and better understanding of the role of PC, local authorities and service providers.
- However it is disappointing to note that there seems to be **no impact on increasing the awareness of the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community, nor any increase in support for local businesses.**
- All parishes expect to **revise their plans within 5 years**, and several report that revision is 'ongoing'
- **Barriers to revision** are lack of funding and lack of volunteers to undertake the task
- Most of the parishes are now undertaking a **Housing Needs Survey**, Village Design Statement or some other form of consultation process.
- Most parishes felt that the parish plan has been a very **beneficial process** for the parish

Methodology

For this survey 10 plans were selected that had been completed over one year ago. Two of these plans were prepared without Vital Villages Grant funding.

PARISH	DISTRICT	DATE PARISH PLAN COMPLETED
Chiseldon	Swindon Borough	2004
Minety	North Wiltshire	2004
Hilmarton	North Wiltshire	March 2005
Lydiard Millicent	North Wiltshire	April 2005
Christian Malford	North Wiltshire	August 2005
Ashton Keynes	North Wiltshire	September 2005
Urchfont	Kennet	March 2005
Mere	Salisbury	May 2005
Maiden Bradley	Salisbury	2005
Edington	West Wiltshire	2005

A questionnaire survey (see Appendix 1) was sent to each Parish Council with the request that it was completed by someone from the Parish Council who has good knowledge of the parish plan. This survey form was accompanied by a spreadsheet table detailing all the actions from the original plan. Space was provided to score each action as Achieved, Not Achieved, Ongoing or No Longer Relevant, and to provide additional comments.

A database was set up to hold the actions from published plans. Each action is cross referenced to both the categories in use locally for community planning and to a categorisation system devised by David Wood of Rural Action East which is in use by some Rural Community Councils (RCCs).

It is hoped that eventually this database will provide information that can be used for comparison with other counties and regions. Assigning of actions to categories will enable the data to be searched and collated for specific issues eg transport, affordable housing.

Eight completed survey forms were returned - 3 from North Wiltshire, 2 from Salisbury District, and 1 each from West Wiltshire, Kennet, and Swindon Borough. Christian Malford already circulates a regular and comprehensive update on progress so did not take part in this survey. Unfortunately the completed form from Lydiard Millicent arrived too late to be included in the report.

The survey forms were mostly completed by the Parish Clerk or PC chairman some of whom had not been involved in the parish plan, resulting in variable comprehensiveness of the responses.

Findings by question

Current status

- 1. Since the plan was completed what group or body has taken overall responsibility for its implementation?*

The responses indicate that for all eight plans it is the Parish Council that has assumed overall responsibility for implementation. However in two cases it was evident from responses to later questions that either a 'village action group' or the original parish plan steering group were available to assist with the implementation of the parish plan.

- 2. Has there been any review of the plan or feedback to the community on progress?*

Four parishes have reviewed or provided feedback to the community about their plan. Christian Malford, although not responding directly to this survey, produces an excellent 6-monthly update showing progress on the action plan.

- 3. Is this planned for the future? eg Annual Parish Meeting, article in newsletter.*

4 parishes expect to review the parish plan at the Annual Parish Meeting and 2 will use articles in church or parish newsletters to provide feedback. Ashton Keynes expects to have involvement of the village plan group for the review.

What has been achieved?

- 4. In general how is the parish plan being used?*

Four parishes are using their plan as a policy document, with at least one parish having it as a standing agenda item at PC meetings. At Mere each issue has become the responsibility of one Councillor who provides lead and updates on progress to the PC.

Others variously describe it as a 'guiding document', useful for 'pro-active planning', or 'valuable incentive' for the Parish Council. Its use to progress a range of specific issues (planning, Housing Needs Surveys, recycling, footpaths, policing, traffic management etc) was mentioned by one PC. There

is also mention of its use to assist with funding bids. At Hilmarton most of the actions have been achieved and the PC have consulted with the community to find out if the reminder are still relevant.

5. Are there any barriers to achieving progress on actions?

Only one parish felt that there were no barriers to achieving progress. However funding (5), someone to co-ordinate (4) and lack of support from service providers/agencies (3) are barriers for several PCs. Others suggested barriers were time, reliance on other authorities and the retrospective introduction of a validation process for parish plans in Salisbury District. The respondent is concerned about the additional commitment of time to review archived data from the original parish plan process, and asks why the District Council did not react sooner to their parish plan when it was first prepared.

6. Apart from funding received to undertake the plan has any other external funding been received by PC or other groups within the parish to fund action in the plan?

Mere has benefited from substantial funding following completion of the parish plan as it has received grants from Sport England and the Football Foundation totalling £44,500. Mere is one of five parishes which have gained external funding for a range of parish plan projects, which include a youth activity area, play equipment, playing fields, community room, grants for local businesses. Three parishes had not benefited from any funding.

7. Are there any projects that have come out of the parish plan that are seeking funding?

Seven parishes are still seeking funding for projects covering many aspects of rural life. Several village hall projects featured here, such as hall extensions, DDA improvements, village hall car park. Other projects awaiting funding include church repairs, a village shop, employment needs survey, affordable housing, laptop for loan to groups, milestone circular walk, youth council building, traffic management, playing fields and sports facilities.

Links and influence

8. Has the PC received any requests from organisations or agencies outside the parish relating to the parish plan e.g. requests for information in the plan or copies of the plan?

The eight parishes were divided in their responses to this question. Four had received requests for copies of the plan from other Parish Councils or from

agencies: Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, English Heritage, Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB, Cotswold Water Park, Salisbury District Council.

9. What support have you received from the District Council towards implementing your plan?

Parishes in Salisbury District had been assisted with the parish plan implementation process and one commented that 'the DC has been supportive as it can be, within its policy limitations'. However the same PC reported that SDC approved a planning application against the aspirations of the PC and contrary to the parish plan action plan.

At Edington the plan has been used in connection with recent planning issues but the respondent felt that it has no legal status compared to a Village Design Statement.

Urchfont received 'very little in general but valuable help with specific pieces of work eg website, recycling, energy conservation project, new notice board etc'.

North Wiltshire parishes variously commented that the Council had supported grant applications, helped with Housing Needs Surveys, and had granted planning permission for a new community hall.

There were no significant comments from the remaining parishes.

10. As a result of the parish plan does the PC consider that it has been able to have greater influence over any decision affecting the parish?

Four parishes felt that the parish plan had brought greater influence, three did not agree. Planning issues were the most cited area of influence. Ashton Keynes felt that the plan had been ignored by NWDC planning authority but that the plan had been of influence with Neighbourhood Policing Team.

11. Is the parish actively involved in the community planning process for your area?

Parishes were almost split half and half on their involvement or not in community planning.

12. Is there anyone in your parish who might be interested in working at linking one of the issues from the parish plan into one of the community planning themes (these are: Wiltshire economy, transport, crime and community protection, housing and the built environment, social care

and health, education, skills and learning, countryside and land based issues, culture)?

Generally the response to this question was negative, but one respondent felt it might be worth further investigation.

13. Has the parish plan been of value in connection with planning decisions and other spatial planning issue?

Responses were split evenly between yes and no. One PC had made recent use of the plan to support objections to planning, and to assist with traffic management planning. However they were uncertain whether their plan would have any value in relation to setting policies in the Local Development Framework.

14. Has the Parish Council formed closer links with any agency or organisation as a result of the plan?

Closer links have been formed with a range of mainly external organisations- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Community Forest, Police, Community First, a Greener Village Environmental group.

15. Has the information from the parish plan been used to support any grant application or bids for funding?

Again responses were split fairly evenly with four answering 'yes' to this question. National funders such as Sport England were mentioned together with local ones such as NWDC Calne Area (5 grants).

Effects on the community

16. What effect has the parish plan had on the Parish Council? E.g. more people coming forward, clear strategy for the future, etc?

Five parish councils felt that the parish plan had set a clear strategy for the future as shown by comments:

'influences PC work programme'
'helped PC deliver what residents want'
'highlighted factors affecting the future of the village'

17. Are there any new community groups, organisations or businesses that have started as a result of the parish plan?

Mostly PCs responded negatively to this question or respondents were not sure that new groups could be attributed to the parish plan. However Mere reported an upturn in the number of sports and leisure related groups and a new film club. Hilmarton felt that the plan 'certainly got people talking' and this contributed to the establishment of the new Hilmarton Heritage Society. Chiseldon now has a parish plan co-ordinating group which meet quarterly.

18. Have any new community events started as a result of the parish plan process?

Again responses were mainly negative but bat walks, local beauty spot improvements and a greener village working group were mentioned here. Despite the slightly sparse positive responses to these last two questions the scoring and comments of actions on the spreadsheet suggest that the number of new groups and community events is more than reported here.

19. What effect has the plan had on community spirit?

Only two parishes identified a positive increase in community spirit as a result of the parish plan as the rest reported that it was much the same as previously. This is perhaps surprising when compared with the responses to the next question but may perhaps be explained by the difficulties of defining 'community spirit'.

20. What other effects have there been on the community as a result of the parish plan?

Respondents were invited to tick boxes from a list of six options plus 'other'. Responses highlighted three areas of benefit for the community: new people involved in community activity, better networking between existing groups, and better understanding of the role of the PC, local authority and service providers. Although this is all good news for these parishes it is disappointing to note that no PCs reported 'increased awareness of needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the parish' or 'increased support for village businesses and services'.

The future

21. When do you plan to revise the parish plan?

Several parishes said that revision is 'ongoing annually'. The remainder mentioned a range of dates between three and five years time.

Mere stated 'in an ideal world the parish plan should be revised every 5 years....unlikely to happen because I do not think that any of the old parish

plan committee members would be willing to take on that level of work again ... Also funding would be required...'

22. Will funding be needed to do this?

Of the six that responded to this question four parishes felt they would need funding to revise their plan. One commented that they were unsure how they would fund this as they had no knowledge of funds available for review of plans.

23. Is the PC considering any follow on community consultation process?

Respondents were invited to select from a short list of options. It is encouraging that five parishes are going on to carry out Housing Needs Surveys, two wish to do Village Design Statements and two are involved with Climate Friendly Communities project of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. One parish also wants to undertake an employment needs survey if funds can be secured.

Overall

24. What is the biggest success story of the parish plan?

Individual comments illustrate this well:

'providing a positive vision for the future'

'provision of the school/community hall, and the questionnaire response rate of over 90% of households'

'improved communication processes'

'recreation, sports and leisure facilities'

25. Is there anything you would do differently next time?

Some of the responses perhaps reflect the frustrations encountered by parish plan steering groups, most of which were amongst the first in Wiltshire & Swindon to undertake parish plans before national or local guidance and

processes for responding to parish plans were well developed. Comments also reflect the labour intensive nature of parish plan production and that community capacity for undertaking such an endeavour in a small parish can be limited.

Comments from parish plans about what would be done differently next time:

‘a smaller committee, better informed’

‘needs wider community support’

‘ more realistic timetable’

‘ensure steering group members are acting for wider community’

‘a committed manager’

‘more guidance from DC/Wiltshire CC’

‘include more long term plans’

‘use questionnaire rather than workshop based consultation methods’

26. Overall, has producing the parish plan been a beneficial process for the parish?

Encouragingly six out of seven respondents indicated that the parish plan had been a beneficial process for the parish.

Finally respondents had space for additional comments. One parish used this to report that most of the plan actions had been completed.

The only respondent from Swindon Borough felt that SBC ‘completely disregard our aspirations and do not regard our plan as part of their future planning’.

Progress on Action Plans

As well as completing the questionnaire survey, respondents were asked to score progress on actions from their parish plan. The categories given were not used consistently by respondents and this coupled with the low number of parishes surveyed renders statistical analysis inadvisable.

However simple statistics show that of the plans surveyed each listed between 24 and 76 actions to take forward in the action plan. 'Actions achieved' were in the range 9-29%, 'ongoing' 29-75%, 'no longer relevant' 5-23%, and 'not achieved' 7- 48%. In each case these are percentages of total number of actions for each plan.

Some actions are easier to achieve than others, actions achieved first tend to be those relating to community activity such as improved communication, or consulting with agencies about an issue.

Issues that seem to be particularly difficult to tackle are those relating to road maintenance and traffic management, transport, health and social care and provision for young people.

Higher level actions may take longer to achieve and rely on securing external funding, but notable examples of actions achieved by the parishes surveyed are:

Parish	Examples of actions achieved
Urchfont	Games surface and youth shelter
Chiseldon	Community hall (£90,000)
Edington	Allotments
Minety	Youth shelter
Ashton Keynes	Village hall access for wheelchair users
Maiden Bradley	Parish website
Hilmarton	School/community hall, street lighting
Mere	Sports facilities including bowling green, sports pavilion, changing rooms, refurbishment of swimming pool, play facilities

In some cases the original plans contained actions identifying a partner agency which has no statutory responsibility for the issue and consequently these have been scored as 'not achieved' or 'no longer relevant'.

Summary

This survey has reviewed a small number of the earliest plans that were completed locally. It is evident from some comments that there is some

frustration about support available at the time of preparation and about how the plan has been used by the local authority subsequent to publication.

However Parish Councils are mostly enthusiastic about their parish plans and confident in their use of them to guide their work programmes.

Also they are achieving many of the actions identified as priorities by their communities - 8 plans have so far achieved 69 actions outright and list 245 as 'ongoing', this representing 28% achieved within the first years of implementation of the plans. Many more actions are being vigorously pursued and but may be limited by availability of funding from responsible agencies.

Discussion

1. Current and future trends for parish plans

Although parish plans remain essentially community-led and owned processes, increasingly they are coming to the attention of local authorities and other agencies both locally and nationally.

Many of these external agencies recognise both the unique value of the information contained within parish plans and the parish plan process itself for engaging with a wide cross section of the community. This is especially true when the parish plan is of good quality and is supported with evidence that it is the result of wide community involvement in the consultation process.

This recognition is a mark of success for parish plans and indicates that they have a place alongside other community-based plans such as those produced for community areas and market towns. At recent regional and national conferences where the future for parish plans was discussed there was strong support for parish plans and a commitment to ensure that their production continues to be supported with appropriate guidance and funding.

Alongside the mandate for parish plans there are also calls for future parish plans to be of more consistent quality. A colloquy held in Wells in October 2006 to discuss the report 'An Exciting Future for Community-led Plans' has led to the development of a proposed regional framework for the south west which incorporates quality standards for local community-based plans.

Another exciting development is the proposal to create a new national database of parish plans actions which will allow comparative aggregated data to be prepared. County based parish plan databases have been developed by several Rural Community Councils, often as tools for managing parish plan development as well as tracking implementation of completed plans. There is also a national web-based database originally produced for the Countryside Agency and now transferred to the Commission for Rural Communities.

There are challenges to bringing all parish plan information together in one database – particularly in the categorisation of parish plan actions, as each district or county based Local Strategic Partnership has adopted its own themes for local use. David Wood of Rural Action East has produced a database based on 29 categories which can be used alongside the LSP themes.

In Wiltshire Community First has started work on developing a database based on the 29 categories of David Wood's RAE database. This has already proved useful in providing aggregated information on single issues from all completed plans in Wiltshire and Swindon for local authorities and service providers. Salisbury District Council has also developed a database for managing parish plan information and tracking progress of plans produced in Salisbury District.

The recent publication and piloting by ACRE of the Parish and Community Planning Toolkit developed by Rural Community Councils in the South East is another example of the national commitment and support for parish plans.

Finally it should be noted that parish plans have potential to be a very useful tool to help mobilise and prepare local communities to meet the challenges posed by climate change. Although this may develop on an 'ad hoc' basis to begin with, it seems possible that a more formal 'green parish plan' may emerge within a couple of years.

These national and regional developments will need to be taken into consideration when suggesting recommendations for developing and supporting parish plans in Wiltshire & Swindon in the future.

2. Recommendations

As a result of this survey some follow up actions can be identified that will inform the work of Community First in supporting parish planning in the future:

Work with local strategic partners to:

- Promote parish plans to local authorities and service providers to ensure that PCs receive the support needed to achieve actions
- Highlight the role of parish planning for community planning and to increase involvement in local democracy
- Work with local authorities and planning authorities to increase the influence of parish plans within local policy frameworks

Work with local parishes to:

- Provide advice and support for parishes about how to implement their plans through project development and funding for parish plan projects
- Assist parishes in identifying volunteers and develop community capacity for review of parish plans
- Identify funding to enable these early parish plans to be reviewed
- Ensure that new parish plans are more effective at identifying the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in rural communities
- Encourage new parish plans to look further ahead when developing actions for the parish plan
- Ensure that there is a greater focus in new parish plans on the local economy and on support of community businesses
- Encourage inclusion of climate change and other environmental issues in parish plans
- Provide opportunities for parish plan representatives to network and attend workshops and other development opportunities
- Regularly monitor and evaluate progress on implementation of parish plans

Work with regional and national partners to:

- Ensure continuity of support and funding for parish plans
- Continue with the development of a database of parish plan actions for Wiltshire & Swindon, and work with regional and national partners to ensure linkage with a national database if developed
- Assist with the development of quality standards for parish plans
- Evaluate use of the Parish and Community Planning Toolkit
- Promote environmental issues within parish planning

Acknowledgements

Community First would like to thank all the representatives of Parish Councils who completed and returned survey forms and provided so much additional information about their parish plans.

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PARISH PLAN IMPACT SURVEY

Your parish is one of about 14 parishes in Wiltshire and Swindon that completed a parish plan over a year ago.

Community First is now conducting an impact study to find out what these completed parish plans have achieved, what the benefits have been for Parish Councils and communities and the role of plans are having in influencing decision makers.

The information gained will give us a much better understanding of the role of parish plans and enable Community First to promote parish plans more effectively to local communities and as a source of valuable information to influence local authorities and other agencies.

The survey form is in two parts. **Part 1** is a spreadsheet listing actions from your parish's plan with a column alongside for you to indicate progress. Please fill this in first. **Part 2** is below.

If possible please complete and return in the enclosed prepaid envelope by **8 January 2007**.

Name of Parish

DC area

Postcode area (eg SN10)

Date plan completed

Part 2

Current status

1. Since the plan was completed what group or body has taken overall responsibility for its implementation?

Parish Council

Parish plan steering group

Other (please give details)

2. Has there been any review of the plan or feedback to the community on progress?

Yes (please give details)

No

3. Is this planned for the future? Eg Annual Parish Meeting, article in newsletter

Yes (please give details)

No

What has been achieved?

4. In general how is the parish plan being used?

Please give details

5. Are there any barriers to achieving progress on actions?

Funding

Someone to co-ordinate

Lack of support from service provider/agencies

No longer relevant

Other (please give details)

6. Apart from the funding received to undertake the plan has any other external funding been received by PC or other groups within the parish to fund actions in the plan?

Yes (please give details)

No

7. Are there any projects that have come out of the parish plan that are seeking funding?

Yes (please give details)

No

Links and influence

8. Has the PC received any requests from organisations or agencies outside the parish relating to the parish plan eg requests for information in the plan or copies of the plan?

Yes (please give details)

No

9. What support have you received from the District Council towards implementing your plan?

(please give details)

10. As a result of the parish plan does the PC consider that it has been able to have greater influence over any decision affecting the parish? If yes please give details

Yes (please give details)

No

Any other comments?

11. Is the parish actively involved in the community planning process (Community Area Plan) for your area?

Yes

No

12. Is there anyone in the parish who might be interested in working at linking one of the issues from the parish plan into one of the community planning themes (These are: Wiltshire Economy; Transport; Crime and Community Protection; Housing and the Built

Environment; Social Care and Health; Education, Skills and Learning; Countryside and Land Based Issues; Culture)?

Yes (please give details)

No

13. Has the parish plan been of value in connection with planning decisions and other spatial planning issues?

Yes (please give details)

No

Don't know

Any comments?

14. Has the Parish Council formed closer links with any agency or organisation as a result of the plan?

Yes (please give details)

No

15. Has information from the parish plan been used to support any grant application or bids for funding?

Yes (please give details)

No

Effects on the community?

16. What effect has the parish plan had on the Parish Council? Eg more people coming forward, clear strategy for the future, etc?

Yes (please give details)

No

Any comments?

17. Are there any new community groups, organisations or businesses that have started as a result of the parish plan?

Yes (please give details)

No

18. Have any new community events started as a result of the parish plan process?

Yes (please give details)

No

19. What new skills have been gained in the parish as a result of the parish plan?

Please tick boxes for ALL that apply

- New people involved in community activity
- People gaining new skills
- New community groups starting
- Better networking between existing groups
- Improved community spirit

- Better understanding of the role of Parish Council, Local Authority and service providers

Other (please give details)

The future

20. When do you plan to revise the parish plan?

21. Will funding be needed to do this?

- Yes
- No

22. Is the PC considering any follow on community consultation process such as Housing Needs Survey, Village Design Statement, Climate Friendly Communities Plan etc?

- Housing Needs Survey
- Village Design Statement
- Climate Friendly Communities

Other (please give details)

Overall

23. What is the biggest success story of the parish plan?

24. Is there anything you would do differently next time?

25. Overall has producing the parish plan been a beneficial process for the parish?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Any comments?.....

Anything else about the parish plan you would like to comment on?

Please tell us who filled in this form so that we can follow up on comments.

Name:

Position:

Contact details:

Thank-you very much for filling in the questionnaire. As a result of the survey we hope to prepare a report for distribution to Local Authorities and other agencies. Please indicate here if you would like to be sent a copy.

I would like to be sent a copy of the report when it is published. My mailing details are:

Mailing address:

Email:

**Please return part 1 and 2 in the enclosed envelope to:
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