

## 12. Summary of long term plans

Many of the recommendations below are achievable without budgetary implications. Details of any financial implication for the larger projects are included in section 14. These are in no particular order of importance and other suggestions may still be found in the main body of the report.

- 12.1 Develop and extend the recreation grounds to provide a wide range of facilities as detailed in Tim Wall's Report and this Plan.
- 12.2 Continue to fully support the development of a new village hall facility.
- Provide appropriate permissions and funding to aim for completion as soon as practicable recognizing that 2004 may no longer be possible for reasons beyond the control of the Trustees.
  - Upgrading the facilities of the existing hall if necessary, in order to comply with legislation, but only if that proves to be essential once case law has been established, given the longer-term aims of providing a new hall.
- 12.3 Improve youth facilities as per further specific recommendations in the main body of the Parish Plan. In the case of policing ensure that they have their own responsibilities and targets for reduction of youth crime, and benefit from the results. This might be achievable through the work of the youth council providing a dedicated facility, within the new village hall or the enhanced pavilion (or similar), for young people where they can have their own 'space'.
- 12.4 Develop and promote community and public transport
- Liaise with Stagecoach to provide additional buses to Addenbrooke's in addition to the one a day in each direction at present.
  - Possible use of the suggested community minibus to take people to hospitals and dentists.
  - Use of subsidized taxi services, using rural transport grant available from the County Council, to assist those to get to the services that they need to and where cover is not provided by the existing help scheme.
  - Use the proposed village minibus for access to entertainment facilities within the City, including transport to matinee performances.
- 12.5 Improve village information and, communication, information that is currently distributed via Neighbourhood Watch or the Countryside Watch is also distributed electronically as quickly as possible by e-mail and via the web.
- 12.6 Develop and promote links with the local police for the benefit of residents. Provide further advice and information, especially to the elderly. Consider the installation of granny bolts, at subsidized cost if necessary and the holding of keys by neighbors or in outside key boxes as appropriate). Liaise more closely with the Community Beat Officer and request reports to go to each Parish Council meeting, with periodic attendance where incidents warrant it.

- 12.7 Consider greater formal liaison between the surgery and the Parish Council in order to deal with social health issues. Follow up with the Surgery on the availability of a chiropodist within the village.
- 12.8 Seek pro-active planning permissions which might encourage the establishment of appropriate eating facilities within the village. These could not only enhance the quality of life in the village but also bring in bade and employment.
- 12.9 Encourage and develop village facilities and access to services
- Aim to improve access to shops for those without access to a car, as well as to encourage use of other forms of transport. This could be achieved by use of the proposed village minibus, or by encouraging Stagecoach to provide a short-run bus up to the Madingley Road pat and ride scheme.
- 12.10 Encourage the installation of a cash machine within the village, perhaps within the Post Office.
- 12.11 Actively support the campaign by a concerned member of the village to put pressure on the gas infrastructure company to bring mains gas to Comberton.
- 12.12 Encourage use by the local community of the village facilities
- Such as the new professional theatre facilities that wilt be available at CVC.
  - Communicate re possible use of the Old School House for a wider range of civilities.
  - Provide more entertainment facilities within the new village hall once it exists, e.g. a film club.
- 12.13 Seek an alternative service for local businesses, perhaps by establishing a co-operative, and offering both deliveries and collections at fixed times from individual houses or units. Look at the provision of a subsidy if that would assist, and therefore encourage the growth of business.
- 12.14 Continue to support the standing committee keeping a watching brief on flooding aversion. The Parish Council to take a pro-active role in flood prevention as well as ensuring that the sewerage problem is properly solved by Anglian Water, especially in the light of the new housing development at the east end of tie village. Ensuring that the flood prevention committee gets the required support within the current winter weather, and has an appropriate budget allocated to it.
- 12.15 Promote the general attractiveness of the village including numbers of flowerbeds and planting areas. Ensure sustainability by putting in a budget for weeding, maintenance and further planting. Full grass cutting services should come under the control and budget of the Parish Council with greater flexibility to add extra outs and change contractors as required.
- 12.16 Support village groups and initiatives

- For example the Mobile Warden and self-help Schemes- A very valuable aspect of village life where funding needs to be maintained and even increased as required.
  - Continue to fund Contact as required into the future in order to preserve this important aspect of village life. Also to put the contents of the magazine on the village website.
- 12.17 Support and develop services through the Library. Give greater publicity to the facilities available at the Library in order to improve the prospects of its longer-term survival. Encourage more services at the library, including the possibilities of a coffee bar, story time for children, and easier ordering of books. Liaise directly with the County Council and Library regarding the future of the Library.
- 12.18 Improve Internet access within the village, improvements to telephone and mobile communication.
- Provide an Internet terminal for public access within the village, to allow people without computer facilities to order shopping over the web. For those wishing to use The facilities for learning (particularly for those who have missed out on the technology o date), or access to shopping, or advice and information services.
  - Liaise with NTL about he potential introduction of cable services within the village.
  - Liaise with Vodafone to improve coverage within the village.
  - Continue to put pressure on BY through our MP, via the East of England Development Agency and through local pressure groups (in conjunction with schools and businesses as well as home users) to introduce ADSL broadband within the Comberton exchange.
- 12.19 Promotion by the Parish Council of more public entertainment: galas, concerts, festivals, etc. that will bring the community together. Also encourage / subsidise others who want to do so.
- 12.20 Continue to encourage the development of business units, and business opportunities within the village, especially if there is the possibility to benefit from income to the village with the proviso that the Council cannot make a profit. Particular encouragement should be given where local services would be provided that would enhance the facilities available to others within Comberton or where they would provide local employment or investment or increased skilling.
- 12.21 Provide vandal-proof lighting in the 2 existing bus shelters.
- 12.22 Lessen the fear of crime mount a campaign to give publicity to the actual level of crime and measures in place or being undertaken to reduce it.
- 12.23 Agree to closer liaison with the schools, and especially the Village College, which has such an influence on the village due to its size and range of facilities. it is appreciated that there is a formal feedback mechanism through the appointing of a governor from amongst the Parish Councilors. It is suggested that there also be a structured ongoing feedback process perhaps

- in collaboration with the community liaison office. This would also be done in conjunction with the establishment of a youth council.
- 12.24 Continue to put pressure on the Post Office / Consignia via the MP and other appropriate means, in order to try and improve the current status of postal deliveries.
- 12.25 Encourage the establishment of further summer holiday activities for young people, including summer-camp style projects.
- 12.26 Promote more public entertainment: galas, concerts, festivals, etc. that will bring the community together. Also encourage / subsidize others who want to do so. Establish a community life group that will promote the above on a pro-active basis.
- 12.27 Consider narrowing West Street and Barton Road at selected locations, to make room for an east-west cycle path plus pedestrian pavement and/or parking bays on the north side, and for parking bays on Barton Road between Hines Lane and Harbour Avenue on the south side. The scheme must not create sections that are one-way for cars. It should be explored with nearby residents and the County Council engineers, and must have full Parish Council approval.
- 12.28 If pilot 20 mph speed limits are successful and accepted, extend to other residential streets.
- 12.29 If Branch Road is a successful “quiet lane”, consider extending to Royston Lane.
- 12.30 One innovative way to reduce speed and enforce better-regulated parking is to narrow streets a little to provide more roadside parking bays. After exploring the more comprehensive scheme for Barton Road in item 4, this should be explored with CambsCC engineers and by consulting residents. Such a solution might also help the obvious problem of through traffic on Harbour Avenue without upsetting car-using residents.
- 12.31 After the new bus services are in place, additional possibilities should be examined via a transport needs survey. Other commuter routes are possible, and a potentially important leisure route might be a Sunday service to Wimpole or a link to a possible Cambridge-Wimpole Sunday service.
- 12.32 Develop a business plan for a village minibus, via a working subgroup.
- 12.33 Consider an east-west cycle path on the north side of Barton Road between Hines Lane and Long Road, possibly associated with the more comprehensive scheme suggested in item 4.
- 12.34 If Branch Road were a successful quiet lane, a new cycle and walking route from Branch Road to the Hardwick road, on the field side of the Long Road hedge, with a mixed gravel “Sustrans” surface, to be explored via a working subgroup.
- 12.35 Upgrade some local bridleways and footpaths, to be suitable for all-year mountain-bike use, e.g. Wimpole Way from Long Road to Coton, e.g. Eversden to Royston Lane (liaison with Eversden Parish Council, and a change of use for the footpath).

- 12.36 Widen the footpath on the rest of the south side of Barton Road, consistent with the widened part near South Street, to be considered with item 4.
- 12.37 Develop a plan for a “walking bus” for the Meridian school via questionnaires and funding advice, subject to school support.
- 12.38 Open the track from Toft Road to join Byway 9 to Toft, to create a circular path east of the golf course.

