

Helsington Community Led Plan

Summary

Community Led Plans are based on the views of local people and organisations in parishes. The whole community is given the opportunity to agree and plan how to achieve their goals and inform the Parish Council and local authorities. The objectives are to provide a long term collective vision for all the community's partners; ensure local engagement and a sense of ownership; make connections between community groups and parishes leading to joined up planning; provide measurable, attainable and relevant actions; to unlock additional funding opportunities. The Parish Council is thus given a basis on which to make its decisions and set its priorities for its work for the next four or five years.

In May 2012, the Parish Council indicated that there was support for proceeding with the production of a Community Led plan. A steering group was formed of local resident volunteers from across the community including members of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will lead the overall management of the action plans. It will seek the support of various groups in the community to deliver aspects of the plan. The Parish Council will keep residents informed about the progress made on the plan's implementation and produce a summary statement of progress at its Annual General Meeting. The Action will be reviewed yearly at following AGMs.

The whole process has been greatly aided by the regular support of individuals from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria and South Lakeland District Council. The process was as follows:

- An initial survey was conducted asking all residents to identify what they valued about the area and what they would like to see improved.

- Based on the feedback a detailed questionnaire was generated. Everybody in the Parish had the opportunity to reply to the questionnaire, either written or on-line.
- based on the results of the questionnaire a prioritised list of actions was identified along with the associated timescales and key partners.

A copy of the Community Led Plan can be found on the website-www.helsingtonpc.org.uk but the Action Plan is listed in the following pages.

If you wish to participate in any of the Steering Groups working on the issues listed please contact the Parish Clerk- Jane Saunders- e-mail helsingtonpc@outlook.com.

Theme 1 Summary - Housing

| ISSUE | ACTION | PARTNERS | TIMESCALE |
|--|--|--|---|
| 1.1 Support for affordable housing' | 1. Support development of affordable housing subject to local needs of timing and scale. | Parish Council SLDC, LDNPA, HCLT | Immediate and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| 1.2 Concern about the use of greenfield sites. | 1. Not support development on greenfield sites unless there is a clear benefit to parishioners and no alternative solution. | As above | As above |
| 1.3 Consideration of sheltered housing. | 1. Set up review group to assess the need for sheltered housing for parishioners. | As above | By Jan 2018 |
| 1.4 Restriction on holiday or second homes. | 1. Support the principle that the number of holiday homes/second homes should be no greater than current levels (11% of total homes) | Parish Council SLDC, LDNPA | Immediate and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| | 2. Urge SLDC, LDNPA and Member of Parliament to canvas for a change in Government policy. | Parish Council SLDC, LDNPA, MP | By Jan 2018 |

Theme 2 Summary - Road Safety

| ISSUE | ACTION | PARTNERS | TIMESCALE |
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| 2.1 Speed of traffic in some locations. | 1. Set up Steering Group to define the problem areas and, where possible assess the risks | Parish Council Steering Group | Jan 2018 |
| | 2. Develop proposals on appropriate traffic calming measures | Parish Council Steering Group CCC Highways | March 2018 |
| | 3. Liaise with the appropriate authorities to implement | As above | September 2018 |
| 2.2 Safety of road users and property. | 1. Contact CCC, Highways and Police to identify particular areas of most concern from residents | Parish Council | Within 3 months of the implementation of plan |

Theme 3 Summary Sustainable Environment

| ISSUE | ACTION | PARTNERS | TIMESCALE |
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| 3.1 Protecting and enhancing the wider countryside | 1. Protection of Landscape by opposing large scale development which would be detrimental to the landscape (i) Through Planning process and (ii) input to Local Plan reviews. Also see 4.1 | Parish Council SLDC, LDNPA, District Councillor | Immediate and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| | 2. Protection of Wildlife by opposing development which would be detrimental to wildlife (i) Through Planning process and (ii) input to Local Plan reviews. Also see 4.1 | As Above | As Above |
| | 3. Enhancing Landscape and Wildlife by (i) supporting developments such as Park End which would enhance the Landscape or Wildlife (ii) Encouraging the Natural England to promote of Environmental Stewardship schemes locally (iii) Through Planning process and (ii) input to Local Plan reviews. | Parish Council, Wildlife organisations, National Trust. NE. | As Above |
| | 4. Invite relevant organisations to identify particularly valuable sites which would benefit from the actions in 3.1 a,b 7c | As above | 1 Year and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| 3.2 Flooding and drainage | 1. Evaluate revised WLMG proposal, when published. Respond to consultations by local and national authorities having regard to the opinions of Parishioners | Parish Council Parishioners, Parish Council, SLDC, LDNPA, EA | Estimated early 2017 to comply with Local and National Government consultation timetables, when published |
| 3.3 Renewable energy | 1. Develop a policy assessing the benefits and disbenefits from the various technologies and their scale of application. | Parish Council, SLDC, LDNPA | March 2018 |
| 3.4 Access to the countryside | 1. Maintenance of existing footpaths. Involve parishioners in review of condition of footpaths. Report findings to LDNPA | Parishioners. Parish Council. LDNPA. Cumbria CC | March 2018 |
| | 2. Investigate creation of new footpaths or cycleways. Consult Parishioners. Discuss with LDNPA & WLMG & NT | Parish Council & listed consultees | March 2018 |
| 3.5 DOG FOULING | Agree action plan to address identified problem areas. | Parishioners, Parish Council, SLDC, District Councillor | January 2018 |

Theme 4 Summary - Vibrant Communities

| ISSUE | ACTION | PARTNERS | TIMESCALE |
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| 4.1 Providing jobs for local people. | 1. Continue to support major new-build commercial development at Scroggs Wood. | Parish Council , SLDC Development Control, District Councillor | Immediate and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| | 2. Continue to support smaller new-build commercial developments at A591 service centre | As above | As above |
| | 3. Support re-use of redundant buildings for small businesses | As Above | As Above |
| | 4. Support diversification of farm businesses | As above | As above |
| | 5. Propose recognition of a-d above in revisions of Local Plans | As above | As above |
| 4.2 Developing Infrastructure. | 1. Promote the improvement of broadband speeds by advising suppliers of local interest levels. | Parish Council , Telecoms Suppliers, Parishioners | As above |
| 4.3 Planning for Safety | 1. Produce a Community Emergency Plan | Parish Council , Expert Advice, District Councillor, Parishioners | March 2018 |
| 4.4 Improving Social Cohesion | 1. Support the Village Hall by i) Annual operating subsidies. ii) Capital Grants when appropriate. iii) Continued use of Parish Land for parking | Parish Council , VHMC, Parishioners | Immediate and reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting |
| | 2. Agree an Action Plan with The Village Hall in order to increase involvement by young people and the farming community. | Parish Council , VHMC, Parishioners | March 2018 reviewed annually at Parish Council Meeting. |
| | 3. Pass on to the Village Hall and The Wheatsheaf improvement suggestions made by individual respondents. | Parish Council , VHMC. Wheatsheaf Management | 3 Months |