

## **How we are getting on with implementing the Glanton Parish Plan**

The plan was split into six sections and under each section we identified actions which could be taken to implement the recommendations made in the plan, these were as follows:

### **1 Local Economy**

We sent out a questionnaire to every house in the village seeking information on businesses operated by Glanton residents with a view to producing a directory. We had a disappointing response, those who have responded are included in the directory on the website, we considered that there were not enough responses to make a worthwhile printed directory.

We also asked local businesses whether they would be interested in coming together to form an informal Business Club to act together for example to bulk buy stationery etc to save money, but there was no interest in this at all.

### **Access and Leisure**

We sent out a questionnaire to every household to assess demand for a childrens' play area. We had three responses to this, two from village families and one from a grandparent who had children visiting occasionally. We have an aspiration to provide a play area but the numbers of children who might use this are relatively low and we have not been able to identify any sources of funding which are likely to support the type of bid we could make, so realistically the chances of providing an area are low.

We also liaised with the County Council over the subject of footpaths, and as a result of this three kissing gates have been put in on the path leading down towards Whittingham from the bus stop, and also this path has been strimmed or mowed by the County for the last two summers which previously did not happen, so we regard this as a minor success.

### **Built Environment**

We have carried out a survey of the village which has identified a number of matters relating to road name signs, traffic signs, litter bins and dog waste bins, seats and planters, and we are in the process of getting estimates for works to improve the things we can deal with directly and to discuss with the County Council the things which are their responsibility. For instance we aim to do up the road name signs which are mostly looking a bit second hand, refurbish the wooden seat on the village green, ask the council to replace some litter bins etc. These are individually minor points but all together we hope they will improve the look of the village. We are also seeking funding to replace the old cast iron finger posts which have been lost over the years.

We are in the process of adopting the red phone box from BT, and we hope that in due course it will be repainted and tidied up, there are a variety of uses which it might be put to and no decision has yet been made on that.

### **Natural Environment**

We sent out a questionnaire to all households to see how many people would be interested in an allotment, we identified a possible site for allotments but in the event only one person expressed a

wish to have one, so the matter has not been progressed. It could be revisited if there is sufficient demand in the future.

We also considered possible sites for a micro recycling centre, but we have not identified anywhere which we consider entirely suitable for this use.

### **Social & Community**

We have instigated the new website which with the very great help of Tony Meikle is now up and running and is a great benefit and has a very large quantity of information on it, including the Parish Plan in its entirety. We consider this to have been another success.

### **Access to Services**

We are in the process of making a complete list of all the planters, seats etc within the village that we should keep a regular eye on.

We will make a regular inspection of pavements and roads and liaise with the County Council to get repairs carried out when necessary.

We are in contact with neighbouring parishes to work together to secure the provision of services. An example of this is the recent meeting in the village hall on the subject of Personal Health Budgets where we are working with Bell View and with Whittingham and Hedgeley Parishes to try to ensure that the people affected in Glanton have full information about services available to them.

One suggestion in the plan was to have one PC meeting a year when we invite any young people under 18 to come along and discuss topics of concern to them. We have not yet made any progress with this.

Overall the result of the Plan process has been to force us to think about things we maybe took for granted, and we have had some good results from it. The full plan is available to read on the website. If there is anything that you think that we have not tackled, or if there is anything you would like to see progressed then please do contact me or any other Parish Councillor, we can only do what you want if you tell us.

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