

Painswick Parish Action Plan - Final Draft 4th June 2013

	Planning & Conservation	Painswick Parish Council (PPC) Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	<p>PLANNING POLICY ISSUES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If proposed development is significant, PPC Planning Committee should seek to make representations to SDC Development Control Committee. 2) Retention of the local landscape and impact of development upon AONB a key consideration of PPC. 3) Aim to enhance existing architecture, preserve vernacular of Parish using appropriate materials. The condition of boundary walls within the Painswick Conservation Area should be monitored by the PPC. 4) Consider the impact on local infrastructure when considering new housing development e.g. schools, healthcare, access etc. 5) In fill development not welcome in areas where the open character of the settlement is important and where in fill proposals are too large for the site. 6) Work to preserve 'green spaces' within the villages, especially in the centre of Painswick. 7) Preservation of the quality and availability of spring water supplies- consider impact of new developments on these. 8) The criteria regarding the location of mobile masts should be strictly adhered to in the AONB. 9) Overhead cables are a distraction from the vistas in the Parish. PPC to seek underground cabling on new developments where possible. 	<p>PPC Planning Committee to note concerns.</p> <p>To liaise with SDC Development Control Committee.</p> <p>SDC planning procedures do not always make this possible.</p>
2.	<p>Existing settlement boundaries should be retained. However, should there be a requirement to provide land for additional housing, this would probably result in an extension of the boundaries.</p>	<p>PPC to highlight to Stroud District Council (SDC) Planners. Very limited opportunities for infill within the Painswick settlement. Therefore the probability is that additional housing, whether sought, or imposed will occur outside the existing settlement boundaries. The development constraints contained in Conservation Area policy statements are noted and supported by the Parish Council.</p>
3.	<p>Consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan to be drawn up to give a stronger voice in determining the kind of development desirable or undesirable in the Parish.</p>	<p>Planning Committee to consider and make recommendation to Parish Council.</p>
4.	<p>Clarification of rules/guidelines used by Planners requested. Concerns that local opinion on proposed building work was currently being</p>	<p>Propose Planning Committee hold open evening to discuss process of planning application review by PPC.</p>

	ignored or over-ridden by SDC.	Parish Councillors provide brief guide to Local Plan policies used by Local Planning Authority.
5.	Sheepscombe Society should be supported in their proposal to retain the disused red telephone box by the Village Hall which is an important feature in the landscape.	Sheepscombe Society likely to request financial support. Await request prior to PPC considering this.
6.	Re-routing of Public Rights of Way For security reasons, a more flexible approach should be sought in cases where a suitable alternative to going through someone's garden is available.	Footpaths are managed and overseen by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) as a statutory process. PPC to liaise with SDC/ GCC footpath officers as appropriate.
7.	Council to consider green energy initiatives individually, in line with 1.2.	
8.	Additional burial sites required for Slad.	PPC to consider with other Agencies.
9.	Flora and Fauna- It is hoped that an extended stock taking list of flora and fauna will be undertaken regularly to allow comparison 10 yearly.	PPC to seek to engage voluntary groups to lead on this.

	Housing	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	PPC Planning Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To pursue 'mixed' housing options rather than separate older people's housing or separate affordable housing where possible. 2. PPC to consider the need for suitable accommodation for older people E.g. Nursing care / Mid term housing 3. The excessive enlargement of small dwellings should be discouraged. 	PPC to consider as ongoing need when reviewing planning apps.
2.	To build two bungalows for the elderly in Edge.	PPC to sign post to SDC Planning and Rural Housing Enabler's team. Suggest inclusion in SDC Core Strategy.
3.	To consider Parish – wide Affordable Housing – Planning Exception site in Sheepscombe.(2-3 units?)	PPC to seek advice from Rural Housing Enabler. Signpost to Affordable Housing groups for private development consideration.
4.	Existing settlement boundaries should be retained. However, should there be a requirement to provide additional housing, this would probably result in an extension of the boundaries.	PPC to monitor SDC's progress on Core Strategy and to consider the implications for Painswick Parish.
5.	Light Pollution from security lights is an increasing problem.	SDC advises security lights should be movement activated. PPC Planning committee to review all applications.

	Communication	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Parish Council website must be updated/kept up to date. e.g. Recommend all draft PC minutes to be on website within ten days.	Seek to implement as standard procedure by Spring 2013
2.	Improved Broadband to the Parish as a whole.	PPC to maintain pressure on providers to speed up roll out.
3.	Village Newsletters to carry public notices and information from PPC where possible.	PPC to provide public notices to all Councillors for circulation to parish newsletters etc.
4.	Parish Council to seek to create a "welcome pack" for new residents.	PPC to lead on collation of "pack" in partnership with other groups.

	Traffic Management and Road Maintenance	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Pedestrian Crossings on A46 at both "post office" and "Goddards garage" locations.	PPC to lobby GCC to secure safe crossing on this busy road.
2.	Slow traffic along key routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4173 Edge. • Edge/ Edge Road/ Edge Lane. • Slad Road. • A46. • Stamages Lane. • Gloucester Road (B4073) 	Consider Parish wide speed Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and locations. Work with GCC and locals. Work with GCC. PPC Traffic Committee to lead. To consider cost and use of VAS.
3.	Potential for "quiet lanes" in a number of areas around the Parish. The "quiet lane" initiative seeks to preserve country lanes and make them more attractive for cyclists, walkers and horse riders whilst maintaining essential vehicle access for local residents.	Traffic Committee to seek proposals from community of which lanes might be considered. PPC to liaise with GCC on proposals.
4.	To report issues to GCC : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing roads: gully at Edge Lane/ Edge Green • Remove unwanted road signs. • Replace road signs when damaged. • Cleaning of road signs 2 yearly. • To keep storm drains and gullies in good working order. • To keep roads in good state of repair. • Don't overfill the pot holes. 	PPC to clarify issues and report to GCC. Some items might be better actioned by the public.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mend potholes swiftly. • Keep rural pavements cleared of debris. • Relocate speed limit signs on Kingsmill Lane and Stamages Lane to more appropriate locations. • White lines at junctions- renew/ refresh. • Cut back trees and hedges from footpaths and street lights. 	
5.	PPC Traffic Committee to review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy vehicle restriction / 20 mph zone. • Condition of pavements. • Litter and dog fouling. • On street/ pavement parking. • Traffic flows. • Cyclists. • Parking facilities- visitors, residents, coaches. 	

	Transport and Access	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Buses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy up the bus shelter in Edge. • Cotswold Green 23 service to Cheltenham on Thursdays is of little use. The Cotswold Green 63 service to and from Stroud on Saturdays via B4070 should be persuaded to detour to Sheepscombe bus stop (by Methodist Chapel.) • No bus provision to local schools, less than 3 miles away. Suggest seek to utilise local bus services for free. • Dial-a-Ride and other Community Transport schemes should be widely advertised. 	Action appropriately. PPC to support new routes/ diversions with bus company.
2.	Footpaths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkway from Stamages Lane car park via Church Yard required. 	Planning consent has been given for the conversion of the former Library building to four apartments. The approved application includes the creation of a walkway between Stamages Lane car park and St Mary's Churchyard.
3.	Street lighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More street lights in Painswick. • Street lights to go part time in Painswick Village 	Local Councillors to clarify where wanted/ needed. Signpost to GCC – need to determine need and justify costs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have solar powered lampposts. • Low level lighting at footpath junctions e.g. Hollyhock Lane/ Hyett Orchard and Ashwell. 	This is technically not achievable at present.
4.	<p>Car Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More car parking required. • PPC to seek land to north of Painswick for additional car park. • Stamages Lane car park should be free at all times. • Seek to allow parents to park for free whilst dropping off children at The Croft. • Increase the number of litter bins in Stamages Lane Car Park • Stop Stamages Lane car park wall being climbed on. • PPC to support enforcement of time limits on short stay parking around Painswick village. • Limited visitor parking in Sheepscombe- the bank between the pump house and the salt bin could be cut back to the existing ditch, which needs clearing, to provide safer off-road parking for about 6 cars. • Proposed "double yellows" in Slad are to be consulted upon around the blind bend at Chantry Cottage. • Seek to alleviate parking pressures at key pinch points in Painswick 	<p>PPC to consider potential new car parking locations via Traffic and Land and Buildings committee. Stamages Lane Car Park is owned and managed by SDC. PPC to lobby SDC for solution to secure free parking whilst dropping off school children.</p> <p>GCC to oversee on street parking enforcement. Alterations to on street parking and double yellows etc responsibility of GCC.</p> <p>PPC to work with local businesses to seek to use Stamages Lane car park- Season tickets/ parking permits would be required etc.</p>
5.	Crossing Attendant to help school children to cross the A46 in Painswick.	PPC to liaise with GCC Schools team and The Croft School governors to understand their views.
6.	Create more cycle paths around Painswick Valley.	PPC to liaise with GCC transport team regarding this proposal.

	Children and Young People	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	PPC to work to ensure that primary school education provision is adequately resourced in the Parish.	PPC to liaise with appropriate bodies.
2.	Support the expansion of school places as The Croft School, Painswick is oversubscribed.	Parish Council to support appropriate bodies. PPC to liaise with other bodies.
3.	Sheepscombe Village school should be given all possible support as it helps to	Ward Councillors to clarify what support is being requested. PPC to

	keep the village "alive".	liaise with Sheepscombe Village School.
4.	Display school work in local villages.	PPC to liaise with The Croft School.
5.	Consider developing before and after school care.	Parish Council to support appropriate bodies. PPC to liaise with other bodies.
6.	Organize more fun events in the village.	Parish Council happy to support others to bring forward events for the wider community. PPC requests others to bring forward ideas for support.

	Older People	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	<p>Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Bus scheme. • Better transport schemes to take senior people to hospital or other appointments. • Planning developments should take account of access across roads, pavements, width, height etc. • Signed Wheelchair route to access Painswick. • Create better access links to the GP surgery. 	<p>Dial A ride already operating.</p> <p>PPC Planning Committee to bear "Access for All" in mind.</p> <p>PPC to consider this with TIC/ Stroud Access Group.</p> <p>PPC to liaise with Stroud Access Group and SDC and GCC.</p>
2.	<p>Support for Essential Services for older people: e.g Pharmacy, Surgery, Grocery store, Hairdressers, Post office, Window cleaning, Village Agent, Community lunches, Day centre, Friday Club, Stroke Club, Puffins fitness group, Bingo Group, Meals on wheels.</p>	<p>PPC to continue to support services for older people through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Committee, • Use of Town Hall facilities, <p>Grant funding where appropriate PPC to work with other organisations as appropriate.</p>
3.	<p>Communication issues for seniors: Seek support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband, skype, telecare, local emergency call systems 	<p>PPC to maintain pressure on providers to speed up roll out.</p>
4.	<p>Think about the needs of carers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure needs are assessed • Provide support • Respite schemes 	<p>PPC supports the role of other groups to deliver these vital services</p>

5.	Creation of a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Senior Forum. Village Senior Network. 	PPC considers this the role of others. PPC happy to liaise with group once set up.
6.	Parish Council to support Community Groups	PPC sets aside 1% of the Parish Council's budget for revenue grants to the Local Community. The Council has a policy of loans where community capital schemes are proposed.

	Sport and Leisure incl green spaces	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Recreation Ground, Painswick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Consider new equipment in Recreation Ground. e.g. climbing frame in the Rec/ goal posts/ water fountain. Require additional dog bins/ litter bins 	Project initiated. Funding from GCC secured. PPC to lead and liaise with local groups to raise additional funds. PPC leading. Seek funding support from other charitable bodies.
2.	Refurbish the kitchen in the Town Hall	PPC to consider refurbishment and potential income rise if Town Hall use increases.
3.	Sheepscombe Cricket Club should be supported in their bid to buy the Laurie Lee field, the only sports ground in the village. This could then be used for other sports: (eg football, mountain biking track) and the existing clubhouse to be improved.	PPC to clarify what support is being requested.
4.	Sheepscombe Table Tennis and Bridge Clubs should be supported as necessary.	PPC to clarify what support is being requested.
5.	A rubbish bin /dog bin outside the Sheepscombe Village Hall or Butchers Arms would be welcome.	PPC to liaise with GCC/ SDC for action.
6.	Walking routes are well way-marked but some signs off the road need re-setting.	PPC to inform GCC of problems as they arise.
7.	Maintenance of green spaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain Manorial land- subject to manorial contribution. Upkeep of Greens and Commons to high standard Review rivers and streams to keep clear of blockages and pollution. Cotswold Stone Walls are important to the "distinctiveness" of the Parish. 	PPC to secure funds from Manorial owner. PPC to discuss with Cotswold AONB Board regarding funding available.

	Tourism	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	WC's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade Public WC's in Painswick; • Provide better signage to WC's around village, incl Town Hall facilities. 	PPC to consider outcome of Consultation held Jan 2013 on options for future of St Mary's St toilets.
2.	PPC to support Tourist Information Centre to find new location.	PPC to liaise with TIC group.
3.	Ice cream van in the summer.	PPC to contact local suppliers to consider opportunities.
4.	Better signage to the Recreation Ground, Painswick.	PPC to consider this. Consider who to liaise with.
5.	Have a green village day.	PPC to seek further information on this proposal.
6.	Make sure the centre of the village is clean and tidy and there are attractive floral displays- good tourist attraction.	PPC to support applicants for Painswick in Bloom.
7.	PPC to collaborate with the Cotswold AONB Board to promote the location of a Cotswold National Trail info centre close to Painswick.	PPC to liaise with Cotswold AONB Board.
8.	Consideration for the creation of a campsite along the National Trail.	PPC to liaise with National Trail organisers.
9.	Produce a historic village walk map leaflet.	PPC to discuss with the History Society.
10.	Organise guided tours of Painswick.	PPC to discuss with the History Society.

	Local Business -development and employment	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Portas Pilot Scheme in SDC area.	PPC reps to liaise with Portas Pilot scheme to identify areas for benefit to local businesses in Painswick.
2.	PPC to support opening of Post Office in Painswick	PPC to support businesses to take forward a post office venture.
3.	Seek to gather data from DEFRA regarding land use such as horticulture, livestock and cropping to monitor trends in this area. Compare to 1999 figures.	5 yearly review. PPC to action. 2012 previous date line target. PPC to action if figures available from DEFRA.
4.	Have market stalls in the village.	Regular Saturday Market now in place as part of Portas Pilot Scheme. PPC/"Painswick Matters" coordinating.
5.	Marketing strategy.	PPC to refer the issue of a marketing strategy to "Painswick Matters" as the organisation responsible for promoting Painswick's business community.
6.	Use of "Queen of the Cotswolds" as a marketing strategy.	PPC to look at appropriateness of this approach.
7.	Carry out an analysis of all signage in Painswick.	PPC to revisit signage policy.
8.	Vacant shops.	PPC to discuss reasons for continued closure with owners.

	Emergency Planning	PPC Action or Signpost to other organisation.
1.	Emergency Plan.	A Parish Emergency Plan is in place and is regularly updated. The Plan seeks to cover any emergency situation likely to affect the Civil Parish.
2.	Flood Plan	Painswick Valley Flood Group receives updates from the responsible agencies and acts accordingly.

3.	Snow Plan	A comprehensive plan is in place to ensure that pavements are kept free of snow and ice. A group of approximately 40 residents has divided into teams, each covering specific areas. Grit and salt are supplied by the PCC, which in turn is supplied by the GCC.
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