

Parwich Village Action Group

(In conjunction with Peak Park Discovering Villages Project and Parwich Parish Council)

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The questionnaire the village completed in September 2000 seems a long time ago now. Never the less the Action Groups have continued to work on the agreed aims (see the Peak Park website <http://www.peakdistrict.org>). Jean Wayne because of increased pressures on her time has had to resign from the group. The co-ordinating group would like to thank her for all her hard work on the co-ordinating group and in her sub-groups. The co-ordinating group consists of:

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The current work of the groups is set out below, but we are ready for an open meeting to re-asses the directions we are going in:

Environment

Agreed Aims:

- *Protect and maintain the green and open spaces in and around the village.*
- *Protect village heritage and lifestyle.*
- *Identify and promote specific improvements to enhance the village environment.*

The Environment Group had the opportunity to bid for European funding, administered through the Peak Park. In discussion with the Parish Council we felt work on the brook course was a priority. The Parish Council have already initiated the work on the bog area at Nether Green, and on the Dam, so we focused on the section through the churchyard.

Last year the Peak Park gave us grants totalling £2,509-75 for the walling around the well in Creamery Lane, work on the trees along the brook in the churchyard, and clearing out the brook course through the churchyard. In February we had another workday to clear the vegetation of the wall along this part of the brook course in preparation for rebuilding the wall. We are pleased also to have obtained funding (£2,795-50) to complete the work on the wall.

We are continuing our survey of the village to prepare a statement of what is valued, which, when agreed by the Parish Council, will be lodged with the Peak Park planners. Also we are identifying possible improvements, including the need for more benches, and investigating ways of increasing wild flowers on the verges and 'waste' areas.

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Social Housing

Agreed Aim:

- *Ensure provision and continued availability of low cost housing in the village.*

The Housing Group has continued its negotiations with Nottingham Housing Association, for the building of three houses on the Schoolhouse site.

The group would very much welcome other members, particularly those who would wish to access social housing and especially young people who would like to remain in the village.

Contact: Fiona Paterson Tel 390450

Community Hall and Sports Hall Facilities

Agreed Aims:

- *Development of a multi-use community hall in Parwich, providing additional facilities to the existing hall.*
- *Improve sports pavilion facilities.*
- *Explore a combined solution to both the above.*

This group has come to something of an impasse. There is not a consensus for moving the hall from its present site, but the planners are not sympathetic to redevelopment of the Memorial Hall to the extent that it could include sports hall facilities. Also redevelopment of the Memorial Hall would not meet the needs for additional resources at the playing fields.

It is not clear that the village could support a second hall, if we embarked on the project of building a separate sports hall on the Parson's Croft site. This is a large project and the existing Memorial Hall is also in need of improvement. The group feel they need a clearer idea of what the village wants and will support.

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Children's Play Area

Agreed Aim:

- *Improve existing children's play facilities*

This group has so far raised

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Roads, Traffic & Parking

Agreed Aims:

- *Ensure traffic in the village does not exceed safe speeds*
- *Investigate solutions to parking difficulties*

This group was on hold because there were not sufficient people to support it. There needs to be a reassessment of support for this.

Come along to the Open Meeting for feedback from the Groups and opportunity to put your views about where we should be going next. If you have any comments or want to be involved, but can not make the meeting let a member of the co-ordinating group know.

**Open Meeting of Parwich Village Action Group
7-30pm ???? at the Memorial Hall
All welcome**