

Parwich Village Action Group

In conjunction with The Peak District National Park Authority's Community Planning and Parwich Parish Council
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The last twelve months have seen us perhaps resting too much on past laurels. We have lost our momentum, and need fresh blood to get us going again. The steering committee feels it is important to continue, but needs new members. Ann Wheeldon is to step down as Secretary and from the Committee, and Peter Trehwitt is to step down as Chair at our meeting on Tuesday 21st October 2008, so we will also be looking for new some new officers. Currently the steering committee is:

Ann Griffiths (Parish Council Rep.)	Tel 390 766	
Val Kirkham	Tel 390 458	
Peter Trehwitt (Chair)	Tel 390 287	Email petertrhwitt@aol.com
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Janice Wigley (Treasurer)	Tel 390 281	Email janicewigley@hotmail.com

Here are the sub-group reports:

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.*

Since the last update in 2006 we organised a successful a petition to protect the Village Green from having a paved or tarmac area. This year Peter Trehwitt has had informal discussions with Sue Adams of the Peak District National Park Authority in relation to their appraisal of the Parwich Conservation Area.

The PDNPA will soon be making available a draft of their appraisal for public consultation (consultation period will run from 14th April to 24th May); as part of this the Authority will also be holding a public meeting between 4pm and 7-30pm Tuesday 6th May. Once agreed this appraisal will be considered by the Peak Park Planning Service in assessing planning applications.

So the Environment Group are holding an informal open meeting to discuss the future of the Group in general, and more specifically to look in detail at the PDNPA's proposals for the Conservation Area. **All are welcome to our informal meeting at 8pm on Monday 21st April at the Sycamore Inn.**

**Contacts: Patti Beasley Tel 390206
Peter Trehwitt Tel 390287**

Affordable Housing

Agreed Aim:

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

Janice Wigley and Peter Trehwitt attended a seminar last September on 'Providing Affordable Homes' organised by the Peak District Rural Housing Association.

The evening was very positive, in that there is potential funding for projects, but the schemes likely to succeed are those that

result from local initiatives for defined projects with a quantified demand for the final properties. Also, where there are a number of hamlets around a larger village, it is important to identify any need within the hamlets as well as the larger village.

The District Council uses the rule of thumb that they will support the creation of one affordable home for every three households identified as needing it. At present for anything to happen the first moves must come from us.

In discussion with the Parish Council, it was agreed that there is no value in undertaking yet another housing needs survey, with yet another set of forms sent to every household in the village. Rather we plan to hold an open meeting for all who currently need (or may need in the next few years) affordable housing locally, and for those wanting to help move this on. **This meeting will be 8pm Wednesday 21st May at the Sycamore Inn.**

Contact: Janice Wigley Tel 390281

Community Hall Facilities

Agreed Aim:

- ***Redevelop the community hall facilities on the Memorial Hall site in line with the identified needs***

Val Kirkham as a Memorial Hall Management Committee member has taken over as our link to the ongoing Memorial Hall led initiative to build a new village hall on the existing site.

This project is making excellent progress despite what must seem to many a long time scale. ProHelp has funded the legal work to resolving the right of way issue. The Big Lottery Fund has made an interim grant of £23,500 to prepare for the final funding application to be submitted by the end of the Summer. The plans for the proposed building will be presented to the community prior to submission for planning consent.

We still have the following aims in the Action Plan, but there are currently no volunteers active in these areas:

Sports Pavilion Facilities

Agreed Aim:

- ***Identify the needs, if any, for improved sports pavilion facilities at the playing fields***

Teenagers & Older Children

Agreed Aims:

- ***Identify the social/recreational needs of older children and teenagers in the village***
- ***Involve children/teenagers fully in this process***

Roads, Traffic & Parking

Agreed Aims:

- ***Ensure traffic in the village does not exceed safe speeds***
- ***Investigate solutions to parking difficulties*** (Note: the parking difficulties referred to in the 2000 Survey and 2004 review related primarily to outside the Spar Shop which has now closed, so this aim requires reviewing.)

Further any future review of the Action Plan will also consider inclusion of the needs of older people, a village newsletter, public transport (evenings), a local post office and crime. Anyone interested in being involved in any aspect of the above contact one of the Coordinating Group.