

Parwich Village Action Group

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

Up-date October 2003

The questionnaire we all completed in September 2000 seems a long time ago now. Never the less the Action Group has continued to work on the agreed aims (see the Peak Park website <http://www.peakdistrict.org>). Earlier this year Jean Wayne resigned from the group, because of pressure on her time. Many thanks Jean for your hard work on the Co-ordinating Group and in the sub-groups. The Co-ordinating Group currently consists of:

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The sub-groups have had some remarkable successes and met some difficulties, as outlined below. We are now ready to review our aims. There was an open meeting in May as part of this review, but only 8 people attended. If we are to continue, we need your input, so please complete the attached form.

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 has been able to access European funding, administered by 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 the Horticulture Society is planting this area. So we have 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 a workday to clear the vegetation of along the brook course in preparation for rebuilding the wall. In May we obtained funding (£2,795-50) to complete the work on this wall.

We are currently applying for grants to undertake further improvements in the

churchyard, to repair some walling at Nether Green and to provide additional benches around the village, especially on the sports fields and by the children's play area. Future projects will include increasing the variety of native plants on verges and 'waste' ground, and restoring Staines Well, just off the Alsop Lane.

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. We are also looking to identify any further possible environmental improvements.

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Affordable Housing

Agreed Aim:

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

The Housing Group has achieved remarkable success in negotiating with Nottingham Community Housing Association for the building of three three-bedroom houses on the Schoolhouse site in Creamery Lane.

Planning permission has been granted and purchase of the property is going ahead. The cost of the build is greater than initially expected, however Longcliffe Quarries Ltd has generously agreed to give the stone for the buildings. We are working with the Environment Group to identify any possible grants, which could assist the environmental aspects of the development.

There was an open meeting for those interested in these houses. Anyone wishing to register should do so with Derbyshire Dales District Council.

We will continue as a Group until the houses are built, although we would also be interested in reviewing the need for further affordable housing in the future.

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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. Redevelopment of the Memorial

The Housing and Children's Play Area Groups are coming to a natural end. The Environment Group has ongoing work, but the other Groups including the Co-ordinating Group need your input.

It is now time for you to give us feedback and your ideas for the future. The needs of teenagers were raised in the initial questionnaire and again at the open meeting of the Parish Council early this year. A number of people expressed an interest in facilitating activities, but more help would be required as well as input from teenagers themselves. The aims relating to improving the hall facilities, creating a sports hall, and relating to traffic and parking are on hold. Can you contribute to these? Do you feel that other issues should now be considered? Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to one of the Co-ordinating Group or leave it at the Shop by Friday 17th October 2003. Additional copies of the questionnaire are available from the Shop and the Sycamore if other individuals in your household wish to complete separate responses.

Hall would not meet the needs for additional resources at the playing fields.

It is not clear that the village could support a separate sports hall on the Parson's Croft site, as well as maintaining the existing hall. This is a large project and the existing Memorial Hall is 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*

We have achieved our aim. In conjunction with the Parish Council we raised £10,500 and the new play equipment has been installed. This Group is willing to continue if there is support for further action, such as a skateboard area.

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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 is on hold because there were insufficient people to support it. There needs to be a reassessment of support for this.

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Action Plan Review

It is now time to review the Village Action Plan. The Action Group can only continue if it has your support. Indicate below which issues you feel require further action. Please return your completed form to one of the Co-ordinating Group or leave it at Parwich Shop by Friday 17th October 2003. If necessary continue your comments/suggestions on a separate sheet.

Current Aims

Environment

- i. **Protect and maintain the green and open spaces in and around the village.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**
- ii. **Protect village heritage and lifestyle.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**
- iii. **Identify and promote specific improvements to enhance the village environment.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**

Comments/Suggestions:.....
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Affordable Housing

- i. **Ensure provision and continued availability of low cost housing in the village.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**

Comments/Suggestions:.....
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Community Hall & Sports Hall Facilities

- i. **Development of a multi-use community hall in Parwich, providing additional facilities to the existing hall.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**
- ii. **Improve sports pavilion facilities.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**
- iii. **Explore a combined solution to both the above.**
*Further Action Needed: YES / NO**

Comments/Suggestions:.....
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*Please delete as appropriate.

Children's Play Area

- i. **Improve existing children's play facilities**
Further Action Needed: **YES / NO***

Comments/Suggestions:.....

Roads, Traffic & Parking

- i. **Ensure traffic in the village does not exceed safe speeds**
Further Action Needed: **YES / NO***
- ii. **Investigate solutions to parking difficulties**
Further Action Needed: **YES / NO***

Comments/Suggestions:.....

Issues from the original questionnaire not covered by the Action Plan

- a. **Facilities for Teenagers** *Action required:* **YES / NO***
- b. **Employment Opportunities** *Action required:* **YES / NO***
- c. **Facilities for Older Adults** *Action required:* **YES / NO***
- d. **Village Newsletter** *Action required:* **YES / NO***
- e. **Social Opportunities** *Action required:* **YES / NO***

Comments/Suggestions:.....

New Issues

Please suggest any issues that you feel are now important for the village, but have not been covered under the headings above:

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Any progress requires action by people in the village. If you are able to support any of the issues raised in your response please complete the following:

Name:**Phone:**

Address:

Issue(s) that you wish to support:

*Please delete as appropriate.