

Whitley Parish Plan Group

1 year on report

March 2007



Introduction

The group has continued to meet on a quarterly basis since publication in January 2006 to promote the parish plan and monitor responses to it. The group's objective has been to address the many action points raised by the plan and maintain interest in the plan as a representation of the wishes of the villagers of Whitley.

Minutes of each meeting are forwarded to the parish council and the village is generally informed through a newsletter. Two parish councillors remain active within the group.

On publication, the plan was very well received by the community and continues to be further distributed to various bodies and individuals in order to communicate the plan's objectives and raise the profile of the community's aspirations.

Plan action points

The group has always acknowledged that it alone cannot deliver success on all the action points listed. Nor is it necessarily within the remit of the group to attempt to do so. Some actions might be resolved many years ahead and others not at all and the group has had to reflect on its ability to drive the parish plan process forward. Nonetheless there are many positive outcomes that the parish plan, and the many local people who have contributed to it, have helped to bring about.

Traffic

A traffic group was formed, led by Pauline & Keith Leppingwell, and this topic given a high priority. Despite much effort, the group has had to acknowledge that affecting change in this area will be difficult and long term. Sadly, the incidence of road traffic accidents coupled with a highly publicised local campaign appears to be the most effective way to focus attention and influence the authorities, as discussions with various professionals has revealed.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	NONE
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	LONG
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	DIFFICULT
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Sports & Recreation

The group supports the parish council's ambition to secure land within the village in order to develop public recreational facilities which are completely lacking in Whitley. The group has supported moves to develop facilities at the school for community use, in particular the Whitley Wolves, and has attempted to forge links with the school's community facilitator.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	SOME
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	MEDIUM
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Footpaths & Heritage Trail

The group maintains a link with the Historical Society through John Watson and supports the society's aims in respect of footpaths and signing of the heritage trail etc.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	SOME
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	MEDIUM
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Children, Church & School Extension

Group members Jenny & Ted Hornsey have worked extremely hard in contributing time and energy to the parish plan in many areas. In particular organising parent & toddler and coffee mornings at the church, and arranging gates to be erected at the church entrance for children's safety.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	GOOD
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	SHORT
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Environment

The group has organised litter picks and supports the parish council in continuing works to improve the M62 underpass. Work to the nature reserve is ongoing and includes fencing, planting and landscaping to the site to the southwest of the village. Additional litter bins have been sited in the village. Selby DC considers itself to be a good promoter of kerbside recycling.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	GOOD
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	SHORT
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Police

The group has promoted neighbourhood watch schemes and local police initiatives through the village newsletter.

Police cont.

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TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	SHORT
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	MEDIUM

Village Hall, Community Centre & Shop

The group supports the parish council's ambition in bringing facilities to the village but attempts to secure suitable sites in order to construct a community building have not born fruit. The group has reengaged with the current Eggborough & Whitley Village Hall Committee and, as noted above, is also keen to forge links with the school community use facilitator. Shops at Hut Green, Fulham House farmshop, the George & Dragon pub, All Saints chapel, the school and the Sunday market continue to be the local facilities and the group has engaged with these to promote and support local community activity.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	SOME
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	LONG
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	FAIR
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Public Transport

The group has made little progress in this area and has not formed a strategy to achieve any.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	NONE
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	LONG
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	POOR
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	LOW

Housing & Development

The group has concluded that a design statement would serve little purpose at this stage of the village's development as there is very little historical or consistent vernacular architectural style to refer to. The group supports efforts by the parish council to secure 106 monies for local use.

Housing & development cont.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	NONE
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	MEDIUM
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	LOW

Parish Council

Sue White does an excellent job producing and overseeing the village newsletter which continues to inform the community on a regular basis. Attempts to recruit someone locally with time and IT skills to help develop a local website have been disappointing and this has not been realised.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	GOOD
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	SHORT
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Mains Gas

The group has not pursued this point

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	NONE
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	LONG
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	POOR
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	NO
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	LOW

Community Events

The group has attempted to encourage community activity through several events. These have included public walks, a bike ride and a village summer BBQ which was supported by over two hundred villagers. The group recognises the importance of promoting the plan process and community events to the many new residents as the village continues to be developed.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE	GOOD
TIMEFRAME ESTIMATE TO ACHIEVE RESULT	SHORT
CURRENT POTENTIAL TO DELIVER RESULT	GOOD
CAN THE GROUP ALONE DELIVER ON THIS	YES
PRIORITY SET BY GROUP	HIGH

Conclusion

The group is pleased to report on some success and of being able to contribute to issues which are capable of being delivered. These have been identified. The group cannot deliver on all action points but that is not to say that the group has failed in this regard or that the points cannot be achieved. The parish plan and its objectives should continue to be promoted and the voice of the community heard and articulated. The Whitley Parish Plan Group has been pleased to be a part of this process.

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