

Hucclecote Parish Council Proposed Action Plan 2023 – 2027 – Agreed 16th October 2023

Background

The parish is divided by busy roads and the M5 motorway. The Pineholt Village Hall is the only public building in the parish and as such Councillors actively engage in making it the hub of the community. The hall is well maintained and in constant use throughout the week with a wide range of activities on offer covering all age ranges.

We lease a clubhouse and lawn to the Pineholt Bowls Club. The club has many members and it is well supported.

There is a small play park adjacent to the village hall which parish councillors and staff regularly inspect and any damage is swiftly taken care of.

A newer and much larger play area/skatepark has been built by the developers of Coopers Edge which lies just inside the south western parish boundary. This play area will be eventually adopted by Tewkesbury Borough Council. A new sports pavilion with playing fields and multi-use games areas were constructed in 2021 but are yet to be adopted and opened.

Our Aims

- Provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for our parish communicating and liaising with Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Highways, Upton St Leonard's Parish Council and Brockworth Parish Council.
- Enable residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development.
- For the parish to be a well-cared for, safe and a pleasant place to reside.

Objectives

- Understand, communicate and support the views, needs and aspirations of our residents and businesses
- Promote and provide equal opportunities for those who face personal challenges
- Support local businesses and economic activity
- Support the work of voluntary organisations in the parish through grants and practical support
- Work with the police, Gloucester Highways and National Highways to improve road safety and reduce, as much as possible, road noise.
- Increase public involvement in the community
- Ensure the Parish Council is open, transparent and accountable to our residents
- Ensure councillors and staff have access to high quality training
- To continue to improve the sustainability of the Parish

This Action Plan details projects that Hucclecote Parish Council plans to fund through precept income, reserved income, donations generated through working with local businesses and grants which we have successfully applied for.

Project	Actions	Lead & resources	Timescale	Progress and review date
Adoption of Public Open Spaces on Coopers Edge	Sports facilities opened and operated by a club/organisation. Adoption and tender process to be completed by Tewkesbury Borough Council. When a club has been selected support them in establishing themselves in the community.	B/B	Ongoing, outside immediate control of council	Councillors met with the CEO and senior officers at TBC to try and accelerate the process. Tender process completed and club appointed
Full adoption of Cranham Gate	The 'Mound' of builder's rubbish at the rear of the bowls club to be transformed into a wildlife area with walkways, a community garden or allotments, mini forest and additional parking. Other smaller open spaces to be adopted and maintained by Tewkesbury Borough Council.	T/S	Ongoing, outside immediate control of council	Bovis Homes are liaising with TBC
Parking Traffic Regulation Order	Improve road safety by extending the current yellow lines to prevent excessive parking by the business park employees on Cranham Gate and install yellow lines outside the skatepark on Lobleys Drive.	A/P	Dec 23	Full consultation completed; design approved. Awaiting installation date from GCC
Installation of outdoor fitness equipment along the Wotton Brook corridor.	Grant funding has been obtained and planning permission agreed but the areas have yet to be adopted by Tewkesbury Borough Council	Clerk	Dec 24	Awaiting adoption of Open Spaces, T/S to meet with installer to ensure locations are suitable and meet safety standards

Village Hall	<p>Obtain Energy Report</p> <p>Promote hiring of facilities</p> <p>Review current hire charges</p>	<p>T/S</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	End 2024	<p>Audit completed by Severn Energy, Council to review and set priorities for improvement work. T/S to provide specification of work and meet with electricians</p> <p>October 2023, implement April 2024</p>
Installation of a defibrillator	Order defib & arrange installation	Clerk	End 2023	<p>Completed 08/23</p> <p>Awareness session 11/23</p>
Traffic	<p>Monitor speed and congestion on Hucclecote Road and Lobleys Drive particularly after completion of proposed new warehouse units on the Business Park.</p> <p>Continue to attend information meetings regarding A417 improvements to draw attention to the impact of potential increased traffic and noise pollution.</p> <p>Work to improve cycleways from and to the parish, working with neighbouring councils.</p> <p>Continue to lobby for better sound mitigating barriers on parts of the M5 that impact our residents.</p> <p>Lobby Gloucestershire Highways for improvements to pedestrian crossings on Lobleys Drive by the proposed new shop and near the skatepark.</p>	A/P	End 2027 (ongoing)	<p>Liaise with the Police for monitoring</p> <p>Members to attend regular meetings</p> <p>Members to meet with National Highways and neighbouring parishes</p>

Pineholt Bowls Club	Renewal of lease and develop more community involvement in the club.	J/E	April 2024	Negotiations on-going, to be completed by end of 2023. Issue termination notice if required. Assist club in community involvement
Awards	Apply for Star Council Award Foundation level of LCAS	Clerk Clerk		Nomination submitted 08/23 Clerk and Councillors working on application for submission in December 2023.
Community Engagement	Fitness taster sessions Coffee/tea mornings Residents survey Work and support with youth club (B-Epic) Annual Community events	Clerk	Ongoing	Completed Completed and on-going Grant approved 06/23 & free use of room at the village hall
Coopers Edge Public Art	Work with BPC, USL and TBC to develop historical trail.	B/B	July 2024	Design and arrange installation of information boards and mural at school/shops