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Rowington Parish Plan



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Foreword

This plan represents the culmination of 18 months work and a consultation process involving the whole Parish. It has been produced by a committee of volunteers, set up with the encouragement of the Parish Council under its previous Chairman, but working independently.

In adopting this plan, the Parish Council expresses appreciation of the efforts which have gone into its production, and confirms the Parish Council's support for the principles and actions defined in it. The Parish Council will also request that the relevant parts of the plan be adopted by the local planning authority, which would then take their contents into consideration in reaching planning decisions which affect the Parish.

Some of the identified actions are in areas where the Parish Council can take relevant decisions or exert influence, and these actions will be progressed as opportunities arise. Other actions lie clearly outside the remit of the Parish Council, or represent longer-term aspirations, and efforts by others in these areas will be encouraged and supported as far as possible.

Publication of this plan should be seen as the start, rather than the end, of a process, therefore the Parish Council will regularly review it and encourage initiatives over the coming years to keep the contents updated and to extend it into more detail where this may be beneficial.

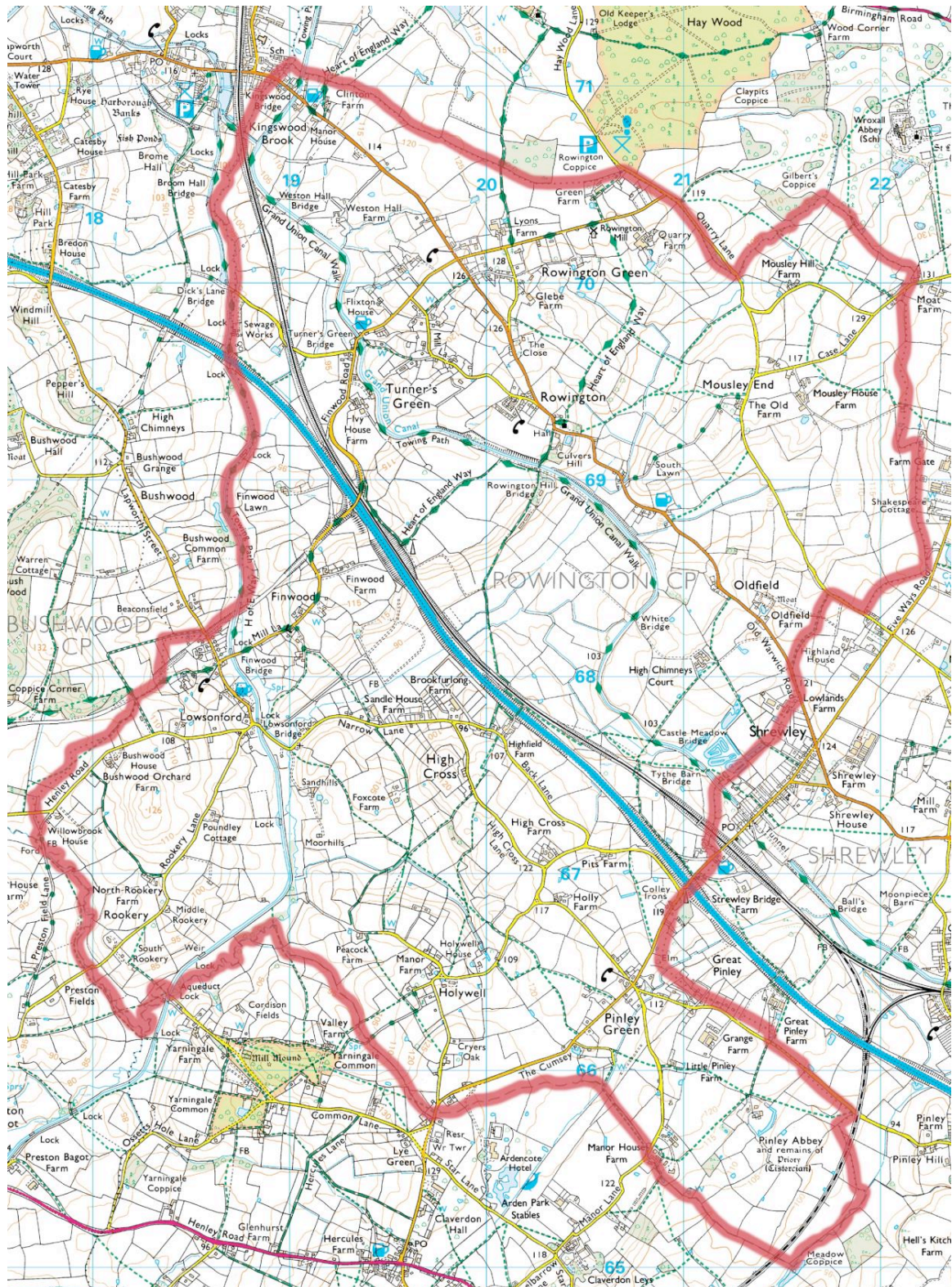
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Rowington Parish Map



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Introduction

As part of the process of creating this plan, a survey was distributed to every household in the Parish of Rowington which extends from Kingswood and Mousley End in the north to Lowsonford and Pinley in the south, as highlighted on the map opposite. The most pleasing and positive theme that occurred throughout the survey was that the Parish is a great place to live. There were many replies mentioning the community spirit - describing the Parish as relaxed, friendly and lively. It was felt that Rowington was a good example of a traditional English parish, with a deep and rich history - often intertwined with the transport links that run through it, be they canal, rail or road.



Whilst many residents accepted that small scale change and development may well occur, not least to allow the Parish to regenerate, they were most concerned that the planning regime should be sensitive and protect, conserve and enhance the character of the area. The overwhelming feeling from the survey was that most people are very happy with their Parish and are more concerned to protect and retain the character and feel of the Parish rather than change it.



Particularly appreciated were the rural outlook and quality of life, with the canals being a major focus for walks and informal leisure. Sports facilities such as the cricket pitch, tennis courts and playing field help the Parish to remain vibrant, and public transport and the mobile library were mentioned as important. The village halls, Rowington Club, the churches and the annual Village Show were all seen as both essential and effective in developing the community spirit.

All of these facilities contributed to the feeling that the Parish of Rowington was a very special place to live and that the planning process should attempt to improve, maintain and protect what exists now.

Perhaps this was best illustrated by one survey reply: "I have always wanted to live here since I first visited."

Some of the survey responses raised requirements for services or facilities that actually already exist, it is clear, therefore, that communication is an issue. We hope that this report, which is distributed to every household in the Parish, will help to meet this need. See particularly the *Useful Contacts* section at the end of the report.

Purpose of the Parish Plan

The purpose of this Parish Plan, which was created following a consultation process involving the whole community, is to establish a collective vision for the future of Rowington Parish. In November 2000 the Government's Rural White Paper stated that Parish Plans should "identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved." Local Authorities have a legal obligation to take Parish Plans into account in their own planning activities. To date around 1,300 communities across the UK have produced a Parish Plan and this plan, which was formally adopted by Rowington Parish Council on 9th July 2009, will now be used by the Parish, District and County councils to guide strategic planning processes as they affect Rowington Parish, through the actions listed in the Action Plan on page 19. The Parish Plan will evolve as actions are completed and new issues arise, therefore the action plan includes an obligation on the Parish Council to review the plan on an annual basis and report on progress.

Consultation Process

An initial public meeting to gauge interest in creating a Parish Plan was held in August 2007. The decision to proceed was taken at a meeting run by the Parish Council on 28th November 2007 and the Steering Group was launched with Nick Holmes as chairman.

A survey inviting input on the main issues affecting the Parish was distributed to the 400 plus households in the Parish in September 2008. Around eighty responses to the survey were received and, following analysis of the responses, a summary of the survey feedback was created which was distributed to every household in January 2009 along with an invitation to a public meeting to discuss the issues raised.

More than sixty people attended the public meeting on 17th January 2009 and input from this meeting, along with the input received from the survey, were used to create this Parish Plan document.



Implementing the Plan

The Parish Plan and the actions described in it are owned by the Parish Council, although in many cases the actions will fall to other bodies such as Warwick District and County Councils or landowners to actually implement.

It should be noted that in setting out a vision for the future of the Parish, some actions may be impractical to achieve under present circumstances, however it was felt important to retain these as long-term aspirations. This is particularly true where significant expense is involved. Given that the Parish Council's annual precept only amounts to around £17,000, external funding and resources are a pre-requisite of many actions.

Getting Involved

There are also some issues raised by the survey that do not fall within the responsibilities of any of the statutory bodies such as the Parish Council or Warwick District/County Council and so cannot reasonably be expected to be addressed by them.

These are worthwhile ideas, for example providing continuing education classes or additional clubs in the village halls, but to move these forward really requires a group of volunteers from within the Parish. If you would like to get involved to help make these things happen, then please see the *Useful Contacts* section at the end of this report.

Thanks

The whole Parish was involved in the consultation process and we would like to thank all those who took the time to complete the survey or to attend the public meeting; the quality of the input received and the enthusiastic response made the task of the Steering Group much easier.

This project was fully funded by a lottery grant from *Awards for All*; no ratepayers' money was used.

Steering Group

This report was produced by the Parish Plan Steering Group chaired by Nick Holmes and including John Barnes, Pam Barnes, Robert Browett, George Cooper, Kath Deaner, Jan Oldfield, Jude Palmer, Mike Palmer and Peter Thompson.

Issues and Actions

Housing and Local Planning

The Parish of Rowington currently has around 400 dwellings, including 47 council-owned properties and 19 almshouses belonging to the Rowington Almshouse Charity. The Parish is a desirable area and people enjoy living here. Housing was a topic that generated a lot of input from the Parish Plan survey and revealed polarised views, demonstrating a range of requirements.

The limited range of properties can make it difficult for the existing population to move around within the area. This results in a lack of opportunity, both for residents wishing to downsize but stay in the area and retain their local links, and for local first-time buyers trying to get on to the property ladder, due to the cost and limited number of smaller properties. This is an issue both from the perspective of ownership and rental. The situation is exacerbated, as in other parishes, by the trend to extend and upgrade properties to the maximum extent permitted by planning regulations, thus progressively depleting the stock of more affordable properties. This is of concern with regard to maintenance of a sustainable, vibrant and diverse rural community, which must provide suitable accommodation for those engaged in traditional rural occupations.

Although recent housing needs surveys have not shown significant demand for new housing, there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that significant numbers of people, with long-standing connections to the Parish, have been forced to move away due to a lack of suitable accommodation and would welcome the opportunity to move back.

Residents like living in the area because of its rural location and ambience and for that reason some do not wish to see any additional housing. For others the primary concern is maintaining a wide range of property types, without losing the character of the Parish. For example, where new build or extension to an existing property is agreed, residents are keen to ensure that developments are done in a style in-keeping with the surrounding area.

New housing and other development should be in character with the area and community and there is concern, for example, that it is becoming hard to achieve a balance between modern security requirements and the appearance of a rural community.

Whilst it is recognised that there may be a need for more accommodation, this should be in the form of limited in-fill rather than large scale, green-field developments. Few people felt that it would be advantageous to accept large scale development in return for additional amenities.

Although this represents views that are to some extent polarised, from this we have derived the following set of guiding principles:

Guiding Principles

- Ensure continuation and regeneration of the Parish by having a broad range of accommodation that parishioners can move between over their lifetime in the Parish (e.g. first-time buyer, family, single occupancy), and that enables limited numbers of younger people to move into the Parish and provide "new blood" in the community.
- The Parish Plan survey, and the two recent housing needs surveys, concluded that there is no demand for new houses other than to fulfil the principle above.
- There is no desire for new housing to encourage large numbers of additional residents to move into the Parish.
- Where there is a need, it is for people already in the Parish who may be elderly and looking to downsize, or for young people looking to set up home in first-time buyer or rented housing.
- All new housing and modifications to existing housing should respect the rural character of the Parish.

Actions

- The Parish Council and the planning authorities should consider these guiding principles in all planning applications.
- The Parish Council to consider creating a Village Design Statement for the Parish.

Environment

Traffic/Motoring

The survey revealed considerable concern about traffic speed within the Parish, particularly on those roads with high volumes of traffic, such as the Old Warwick Road and The Cumsey, and of general excessive speed on country lanes. Inappropriate use of minor roads by heavy vehicles, possibly caused by satellite navigation systems, was raised. It was also a view that current speed limits are inadequately enforced by the police.



Whilst it is acknowledged that current government policy determines that the national speed limits apply to certain categories of road, unless there is specific evidence of higher than normal accident rates, the Parish Council should continue to press for speed restrictions on those roads where local knowledge indicates a high level of risk.

The Parish Council has been informed that there is no government legislation to force

unsuitable routes to be taken off Satellite Navigation.

Both in the case of speed limits and inappropriate use, the County Council will not take action without evidence, and so residents' help is needed to collect documentary

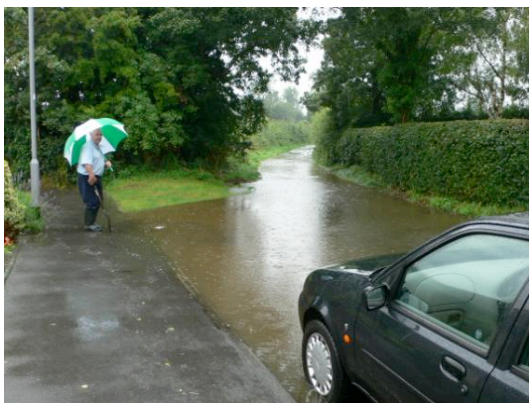
evidence, or even photographs, of relevant incidents to help the Parish Council to justify action, such as imposing new speed limits or marking roads as 'Not suitable for HGV'.

Actions

- Press for speed restrictions on those roads where local knowledge indicates a high level of risk.
- Encourage more police enforcement of speed limits.
- Parish Council to review options for 'Not suitable for HGV' notices where consistent inappropriate use is in evidence.

Flooding

There are a number of areas in the Parish that have been subject to repeated flooding in recent years, a problem that seems to be increasing in frequency and severity. This causes a danger to traffic, particularly at night, and in some cases flood damage to property and road surfaces. The Parish Council has been active in pressing the Highways Authority to address particular areas of concern within the Parish and has been successful in obtaining funding for these to be addressed. However it is likely, as severe storms become more frequent, that new problem areas will develop and the Parish Council will continue to keep this under review.



Common law imposes a duty on the occupier of land adjoining highways to maintain roadside ditches which provide natural drainage for both the land and the highway. In the majority of cases the responsibility for ditch maintenance lies with the adjacent landowner. There are many instances of ditches not being regularly maintained and the Parish Council should continue to work with landowners and the Highways Authority to ensure that maintenance takes place.

The Highways Authority is responsible for storm water run-off from the highways and for regular maintenance and cleansing of gulleys and drainage channels in the verge. It is accepted that several places in the Parish are subject to persistent flooding risk even when the drains are in good order and that this is due to the storm drains having insufficient capacity to deal with sudden heavy downpours. The Parish Council should continue to press for funding for these storm drains to be upgraded to provide additional capacity.

Actions

- Work with the Highways Authority to ensure maintenance of ditches and drains.
- Landowners to be encouraged to meet their obligations with regard to drainage of their land
- Continue to monitor local flooding and press Warwickshire County Council for funding to address problem areas as they arise.

Recycling

The majority view was that the current recycling system works well, if anything the feeling is that it could be extended and enhanced, for example to include all plastics. Although some expressed a view that the current requirement to sort recyclable waste was too onerous, Warwick District Council have informed the Parish Council that one bin recycling cannot be implemented because of costs.

Even when a household is recycling everything it can, some households find that they struggle to fit all of their non-recyclable waste in the standard size grey bin. Warwick District Council's *sort-it* team offers a waste audit to properties that find themselves in this situation and will provide extra bins where there is a clear need, for example to:

- households with six or more permanent residents
- households with two or more children under three and a half (as children are likely to be in disposable nappies)
- households with residents with certain medical conditions who do not currently receive a special clinical waste collection
- registered houses in multiple occupation

Additional refuse capacity is not provided to these households automatically. Households will need to demonstrate that they are recycling as much as possible and need the additional capacity. See the *Useful Contacts* section for details on how to request a waste audit.

Actions

- Continue to press for extensions and simplifications to existing recycling scheme.

Footpaths and Maintenance of Hedges and Trees

A clear need was identified in the survey for footpaths alongside the major roads in the Parish where these do not currently exist; this applies especially to the Old Warwick Road from Rowington to Lapworth and Shrewley Common and The Cumsey between Shrewley and Claverdon. The current absence of suitable paths makes it impossible for schoolchildren to walk safely to the local primary schools or bus pick-up points. There is also no safe walking or cycling route for many residents to local shops, post offices and railway stations.

There is concern that, where footpaths do exist, they are not wide enough or are hindered by overgrown hedges, and that many trees adjacent to the highway are in an unsafe condition.

Hedges on rural roads are intended to provide a stock proof barrier for livestock. These hedges normally form the boundary of the highway and are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. Where hedges are on highway land, the County Council's policy is to trim hedges on an as-needs basis.

In situations where the hedge is the responsibility of the landowner or householder the County Council will request that the necessary work is carried out to remove the danger.

The County Council has a responsibility to ensure the safety of trees that are outside the highway boundary, but within falling distance of the carriageway.

To comply with this, highway inspectors carry out scheduled safety inspections that include the identification of dangerous trees.

The County Council's policy is to carry out maintenance work as needed on trees that are their responsibility.

In situations where trees form the boundary of the highway or are on adjacent land they are the responsibility of the landowner/householder. If these trees are identified as placing the safety of the highway user in jeopardy, the County Council will request that the necessary work is carried out to remove the danger.

See the *Useful Contacts* section for details on how to report problems with overgrown trees and hedges.

Actions

- Lobby for new and improved footpaths adjacent to the two major roads in the Parish.
- Work with Warwickshire County Council and local landowners to ensure proper maintenance of trees and hedges.

Local Rights of Way

Rowington Parish is criss-crossed by a large number of footpaths and bridleways that are an important attraction that bring many visitors to the Parish, as well as being heavily used by local residents. Maintenance of these is haphazard, leading in many cases, to paths being overgrown or obstructed by brambles and stiles being unsafe. There is seemingly ignorance on the part of some landowners that it is their responsibility to maintain public footpaths that cross their land.

See *Useful Contacts* section for details on how to report problems with footpaths.

The Parish Council has been successful in lobbying the WCC Countryside Access Team for paths to be cleared and marked and new kissing gates and/or stiles to be installed. As a result many improvements have been made recently.



A suggestion was made in the survey that better use might be made of local rights of way if a map could be published. A map does exist, and the options for obtaining this in a form suitable for publication, for example, on the website, should be investigated.

Actions

- Press Warwickshire County Council for a programmed scheme of maintenance of public footpaths and stiles.
- Investigate possibility of providing a map of local rights of way on the Rowington website.
- Report to Warwickshire County Council on instances of poorly maintained paths.

Motorway Noise

The noise generated by the growing volume of traffic on the M40, which bisects the Parish, is an issue of great concern to many residents. There is a plan for a 'silent' surface to be applied to the M40, but this has been repeatedly deferred.

Actions

- Continue to lobby for a 'silent' surface to the M40.

Other Environment Issues

A number of other issues and suggestions were received relating to the local environment. Actions relating to these are summarised below.

Actions

- Review signage and provision of bins for dog waste in areas where dog fouling is a problem.
- Investigate provision of warning signs at school bus pick-up and drop-off points.
- Review provision of road name signs on lanes which are currently unmarked.
- Encourage community planting to enhance the appearance of the Parish.

Community Services and Facilities

Shops

There is no longer a shop in the Parish and a number of people raised the need for a local shop. Although there are village stores in Lapworth and Shrewley, these are not within walking distance of many houses in the Parish, especially given the lack of usable footpaths alongside the major roads through the Parish (see also [Footpaths](#)). Given the relatively small number of properties in the Parish and the way in which they are spread out over quite a large area, it is unlikely that a new shop could be financially viable.

In many cases a neighbour will offer to pick up small amount of shopping for people who are not mobile and of course most of the major supermarket chains now offer an internet shopping facility for those with an internet connection or with a friend or neighbour willing to place an order.

Initial enquiries also suggest that the nearby local shops may be willing to offer a home delivery service, but this would obviously not be viable for very small orders.

Actions

- Investigate possibility of arranging a home delivery service from one or other of the local shops.

Facilities for Younger People

Some respondents felt that facilities for teenagers are lacking in the Parish and would like to see more after school and social clubs etc. Realistically though, given the relatively small number of children in the Parish, we would need to have nearing 100% participation to make any such clubs viable, which is difficult to envisage given that many children are already involved in clubs and activities in larger neighbouring parishes or affiliated to their schools.

Communication

It was clear from many of the survey responses that there are many things that happen in the Parish that people are unaware of. It is evident that communications regarding local services and events could be improved. There are a number of ways of finding out what is going on in the Parish. There are five notice boards; at Rowington Village Hall, at Lowsonford Village Hall and opposite the Old Post Office in Lowsonford, at Pinley crossroads and on the Old Warwick Road by West of St Laurence. The Parish magazine, Ferncumbe News, is published monthly and includes a wide range of local information and adverts for a variety of local services. In addition, the Rowington website at www.Rowington.org is an online source of information about community events. Local clubs and societies are encouraged to



ensure that they make the best possible use of one or more of these communication methods to keep people informed of what is going on.

Actions

- Local clubs and societies to take advantage of existing means of communication such as Parish notice boards, website and Ferncumbe News.

Public Transport

There was a general feeling that public transport would be utilised if it were more widely available, but most respondents acknowledge that it is practically impossible to live within the Parish without being a car owner, or having access to a car. The Parish lies close to rail stations offering local and inter-city links (eg: Lapworth and Warwick Parkway) and main roads with bus routes to local towns and cities, but once again, a car is currently required in order to reach these sources of public transport. Many people would like to make more use of public transport but are unable to walk or cycle to the nearest station, for example, due to the lack of a safe footpath (see [Footpaths](#)).

Space permitting, it might be a good idea to display public transport routes and timetables on local notice boards and on the Parish website and newsletter.

The current services are rather sparse and for most people are not a feasible alternative to cars to get to work.

The local bus services are not heavily used and as such are likely to be under constant pressure due to financial constraints but these services are essential to people in the Parish without access to a car and the Parish Council will need to continue to press for services to be maintained and extended as an alternative to car use.



Actions

- Investigate ways of publicising local public transport timetables/routes etc.
- Press for local transport services to be maintained and extended.

Roads

The state of repair of local roads drew comments from several quarters. Given the area we live in and the fact that many of our country lanes are used by heavy agricultural vehicles, it is inevitable that some damage will occur and it is difficult to preserve road edges where no kerbs are present. Added to this we have the problem that the edges of narrow and single carriageway roads are constantly subjected to wear and tear (leading to erosion) as vehicles pull over in order to pass each other.

The Council's Highways department has an ongoing programme of repair and information on which roads are scheduled for work, which is freely available. Parishioners can also 'do their bit' by reporting potholes and roads in need of repair at the WCC website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roads and choosing the *Report a fault* option.

Actions

- Encourage parishioners to report roads in need of repair via the channels outlined above.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits every three weeks on a Thursday, making stops at St Laurence Close (13:45) and Rowington Club (14:10). WCC Library Services will be asked to consider additional stops in the Parish where there is sufficient demand.

Actions

- Investigate feasibility of additional stops subject to evidence of a reasonable level of demand.

Playing Field

Rowington has had a well equipped children's playing field for many years. Although, as it is tucked away behind St Laurence Close and West of St Laurence, it is acknowledged that many people in the Parish may not know it is there. Access through West of St Laurence has recently been improved with a new concrete path and a large kissing gate replacing the two stiles to enable pushchair access.

Concerns were raised with the state of the playing field in winter due to poor drainage. It may be possible to address this at some point in the future, although land drainage can be very expensive.



There have been discussions about making an access from St Laurence church car park which would also provide parking facilities, subject to agreement from the PCC. This may be a useful future improvement subject to funding.

Actions

- Investigate permissions for use of St Laurence church car park and direct access from car park.
- Explore options for improving drainage.

Gas Service

A number of people indicated that they would like to have access to mains gas. Initial enquiries with National Grid indicate that this would be very expensive, perhaps of the order of £100,000. However, British Gas have indicated in the past that they would be prepared to provide gas to the village at a fixed cost per household, provided sufficient people request a supply. This is not an action for the Parish Council; it is up to parishioners to get together and approach National Grid. Their website gives details on how to go about requesting a quotation for supply – see <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/connections/>

Alternatively they can be contacted by telephone on 0870 903 9999.

Bus Shelter

A bus shelter was requested for the bus stop at the end of Mill Lane or St Laurence Close to provide shelter for people waiting for service buses and children waiting for the school bus.

Actions

- Investigate possibility of providing a bus shelter.

Education and Community Activities

Following the closure of Rowington Primary School in the early 1980s there are no schools now operating within the Parish. Primary educational needs are met by Lapworth C of E Primary School, Ferncumbe C of E Primary School and Claverdon Primary School, whilst secondary education is provided by Henley in Arden High School, with some residents electing to send their children to private schools. The survey raised no significant issues with the local schools and as a result no actions are identified.

The Village Halls are well used, with a large range of activities running during the day and in the evenings. There is strong support for better utilisation of the Parish's two Village Halls for Adult Education. Although there are a number of well attended classes currently operating during the day, requests were made to hold classes during the evening/outside of office hours for the benefit of those residents who may be at work during the day. Rowington Club is also available as a venue for local meetings or activities.



There were also requests for more activities during the day, particularly for retired people.

Suggestions included:

- Daytime Bridge, Dancing, Bowls
- Pop-in facility at village halls, keep-fit classes

It is possible that not everyone is aware of the range of clubs and societies already on offer perhaps indicating a need for better communication of their programmes of events (see *Communication*). There are times when the Village Halls are not being used that could accommodate new activities but this is dependant on a group of people getting together to form an organising committee and to run the activity on an ongoing basis.

See the *Useful Contacts* section for details of existing clubs and activities,

Actions

- Gauge local requirement for classes (i.e., what do people want? - painting, keep fit, martial arts, car maintenance, local history etc).
- Volunteers needed to set up new clubs and activities in the Village Halls.
- Explore opportunities for funding/support via local government.

Law and Order

Statistically, the Parish is a low crime area compared with many places in Warwickshire, although this is of little consolation to those who have been a victim. The majority of crime is car theft and opportunistic theft from houses. Increased vigilance makes this kind of crime more difficult to perpetrate and Neighbourhood Watch schemes can be effective. There is a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Lowsonford, but the one in Rowington is no longer active. The www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk website gives links to local crime information and neighbourhood watch schemes. The website includes a weekly newsletter that reports on known criminal activity in the area. To subscribe to this by email contact the Safer Neighbourhoods team via the website.

Several comments were made about litter and fly-tipping. Residents are encouraged to report incidents of fly-tipping using the contact details provided in the *Useful Contacts* section below.

It is not often that you see people actually dropping litter and these days few people would be prepared to challenge someone even if they caught them in the act. Perhaps the best way to reduce the amount of litter near houses is for residents to take responsibility to pick up litter themselves in the area immediately adjacent to their property. Litter elsewhere could be tackled periodically by locally organised 'litter-picks'.

Actions

- Local residents to take an active role in Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- Residents to take responsibility for clearing litter in their immediate locality.

Action Plan Summary

Housing and Local Planning

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
H1	Housing	The Parish Council and the planning authorities should consider the guiding principles set out in the housing section of this document in all planning applications.	High
H2	Housing	The Parish Council to consider creating a Village Design Statement for the Parish.	High

Environment

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
N1	Traffic and motoring	Press for speed restrictions on those roads where local knowledge indicates a high level of risk. Encourage more police enforcement of speed limits. Review options for 'Not suitable for HGV' notices where consistent inappropriate use is in evidence.	High
N2	Flooding	Work with the Highways Authority to ensure maintenance of ditches and drains. Landowners to be encouraged to meet their obligations with regard to drainage of their land. Monitor local flooding and press Warwickshire County Council for funding to address problem areas as they arise.	High
N3	Recycling	Continue to press for extensions and simplifications to existing recycling scheme.	High
N4	Footpaths	Lobby for new and improved footpaths adjacent to the two major roads in the Parish. Work with WCC and local landowners to ensure proper maintenance of trees and hedges.	High
N5	Motorway noise	Lobby for a 'silent' surface to the M40.	Medium
N6	Rights of Way and local walks	Press WCC for a programmed scheme of maintenance of public footpaths and stiles. Investigate possibility of providing a map of local rights of way on the Rowington website. Report to WCC on instances of poorly maintained paths.	Medium
N7	Other environment issues	Review signage and provision of bins for dog waste in areas where dog fouling is a problem. Investigate provision of warning signs at school bus pick-up and drop-off points. Review provision of road name signs on lanes which are currently unmarked.	Medium
N8	Parish appearance	Encourage community planting. Note: this is not a Parish Council action – local volunteers will be required to make this happen.	Medium

Community Services and Facilities

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
S1	Local shops	Investigate possibility of arranging a home delivery service from one or other of the local shops.	High
S2	Communications	Local clubs and societies to take full advantage of Parish notice boards, website and Ferncumbe News.	High
S3	Public transport	Publicise local public transport timetables/routes etc. Press for local transport services to be maintained/extended.	High
S4	Roads	Encourage local residents to report roads in need of repair.	High
S5	Mobile library	Investigate feasibility of additional stops subject to evidence of a reasonable level of demand.	High
S6	Playing field	Investigate permissions for use of St Laurence church car park and direct access from car park. Explore options to improve drainage.	Medium
S7	Bus shelter	Investigate possibility of providing a bus shelter at Mill Lane/St Laurence Close.	Medium

Education

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
E1	New classes, clubs and activities	Gauge local requirement for new classes. Set up new clubs and activities in the Village Halls. Explore opportunities for funding/support via local government. Note: this is not a Parish Council action – local volunteers will be required to make this happen.	High

Law and Order

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
L1	Policing	Local residents to take an active role in Neighbourhood Watch schemes.	High
L2	Litter	Residents to take responsibility for clearing litter in their immediate locality. Note: this is not a Parish Council action – local volunteers will be required to make this happen.	High

General

No.	Issue	Action	Priority
G1	Annual review	Yearly review of this Parish Plan and report progress.	High

Notes

Useful Contacts

	Contact	How to contact
Allotment Association	Mr John Greenaway	01564 784352 john@greenaway01.wanadoo.co.uk
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Bridge Club	Mr Franco Vegnuti	01564 783673 barbara.vegnuti@tesco.net
British Legion – Men	Mr John Hale	01926 830386 john@hale100.freeserve.co.uk
British Legion Women's Section	Mrs Carole Knight	staynight@tiscali.co.uk
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Lowsonford Village Hall - Management Committee	Mr Wilf Harrison	01926 842641
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	Contact	How to contact
Refuse collection - Request a waste audit	WDC website	http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/WDC/ choose 'Environment and planning' followed by 'Rubbish, waste and recycling' Sort-it team (waste) - 01926 456339
Report an environmental problem: Fly tipping, Dog fouling, Noise etc.	WDC website Report online	www.warwickdc.gov.uk - choose <i>Report it</i> option Alternatively send a text to 07781 481302
Road damage & Problems with roadside footpaths, overgrown trees & hedges	WCC Highways Department	01926 412515 CountyHighways@warwickshire.gov.uk Or www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roads
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