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## Bere Regis Parish Plan

# ACTION PLANS



## FUNDING

The funding column in the actions tables indicates the extent of funding that might be needed relative to the size of the organisations involved.

- X - no additional funding needed
- £ - some additional funding, normally within existing budgets
- ££ - moderate additional funding likely : budget implications
- £££ - major new funding likely to be needed

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN - TRAFFIC

To achieve our priorities, within an overall Strategic Management approach, it is of primary importance that:

- Parish Council, our PDC Councillor and DCC Councillor lobby to ensure that Bere Regis plans are included in the DCC Local Transport Plan.
- A traffic consultation for Bere Regis, by independent traffic experts, is instigated, to consider: Re-routing (including consideration of a southern by-pass), reducing heavy traffic, traffic calming, parking, one-way systems and problem areas. Detailed commissioned studies of traffic issues associated with: West Street/North Street and Elder Road/Manor Farm Road, should be carried out.

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1: A safe route to school.</b> Justification: Safety; Sustainability	To complete 'Safer Route to School' work to include all necessary equipment and zebra crossing.	Very urgent indeed	£100,000 provided by BP	DCC and Governing Body of school. PDC. Parish Council is pressing for action.
	To identify and relocate school bus pick-ups (central car park and/or other sites) or improve safety at existing points.	2007	££	Parish Council in consultation with local schools and bus drivers.
	To include provision of a parking area behind Bere Regis First School in 'Safer Routes to School' programme. <i>See also Education section.</i>	Keep requirement live	£££	School Governing Body. adjacent land-owner. Parish Council.

Traffic continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 2: A reduction in speed, volume and weight of through traffic.</b> Justification: Safety; Environmental Impact; Quality of Life.	To reduce congestion and improve reliability and road safety in the A35/31 corridor.	2008	£££	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors. DCC will continue to lobby Highways Agency for improvements to A35/31 corridor.
	To negotiate with heavy vehicle users re. avoiding peak times using C6 and consider ban on heavy vehicles using West Street (except deliveries).	2007 onwards	X	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, MOD.
	To object to waste/incinerator traffic passing through village.	2006 onwards	X	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors.
	To encourage traffic to use by-pass instead of West Street by improved signage. Consider closing west bound slip way.	Start in 2007	££ £££	PC/DCC/Highways Agency and Connect plc.
	To find a solution to westbound traffic to Milborne St. Andrew using West Street (e.g. redirection onto northern by pass).	Start in 2007	££	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors in consultation with commercial users, Highways Agency.
	To investigate relocation of Fire Station from North Street to adjacent to main routes out of the village.	Consideration started	£££	Parish Council has already written to Fire Authority.
	To introduce traffic calming measures to C6 to include activated 'SLOW DOWN' signs for Rye Hill.	In short term.	£££	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors.
	To consider alternative traffic calming measures for West Street (to be identified in independent report).	In long term.	?	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors.
	To introduce 30 MPH speed limit to North Street.	2008	£	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors.

Traffic continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 3: Safe access and reduction in congestion in problem areas in village.</b> Justification: Safety; Environmental Impact; Quality of Life.</p>	<p>To improve junctions in West Street - Snow Hill, Butt Lane/Tower Hill and the Cross at North Street.</p>	<p>2010 as part of DCC's Local Transport Plan (LTP).</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, DCC as Highway Authority.</p>
	<p>To create a roundabout on junction of Rye Hill, Green Close and Chalk Pit Close.</p>	<p>2010 as part of DCC's Local Transport Plan (LTP).</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, DCC as Highway Authority.</p>
	<p>To consider parking restrictions outside Surgery (disabled parking only).</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council in consultation with doctors, dentist and BT.</p>
	<p>To consider parking restrictions in West Street e.g. outside Royal Oak.</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>Priority 4: A reduction in noise from the by-pass.</b> Justification: Quality of Life.</p>	<p>To continue to lobby for quieter road surfaces on A35 and A31 to be included in DCC's LTP.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Parish Council, Highways Agency.</p>

Traffic continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 5: Safe cycling/walking routes within and out of the village.</b> Justification: Safety; Sustainability.</p>	<p>To improve pedestrian and cyclist access from Butt Lane to Bere Down. Consider warning signs as initial safety measure. <b>N.B. this is the Jubilee Trail.</b></p>	<p>2010 (2007 warning signs)</p>	<p>£££ ££ (warning signs)</p>	<p>Parish Council and our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC LTP. Parish Council with Highways Agency (warning signs).</p>
	<p>To improve pedestrian and cyclist access from Townsend Business Park to Woodbury Hill via Cow Drove Lane. To extend the Rye Hill footpath to the hill top (caravan park) and round to Hollow Oak.</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council and our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC LTP.</p>
	<p>To make exit from the village to the minor roads (to the south and north north east) safe for cyclists (avoiding</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council, Highways Agency, DCC as Highway Authority and Connect plc.</p>
	<p>To introduce cycle routes to Poole, Wimborne and to market town of Wareham.</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council, DCC as Highway Authority.</p>
	<p>To investigate cycle routes suitable for children (including cycle routes to and from school).</p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council and School Governing Body.</p>
<p><b>Priority 6: Better use of central car park.</b> Justification: Tourism (economic)</p>	<p>To improve signage to and layout of car park and consider alternative sites for recycling facilities in the village.</p>	<p>Start 2007</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council, our District Councillor, DCC as Highway Authority.</p>
<p><b>Priority 7: Alternative access to Shitterton when needed.</b> Justification: Safety; Community involvement.</p>	<p>Negotiate occasional access gate and key-holder system for alternative access in emergency.</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Shitterton residents.</p>



Traffic continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 8: Hyde road established as a 'quiet lane'.</b> Justification: Safety; sustainability.	To support quiet lanes in PDC Purbeck Transport Study. Impose a speed restriction on the road to Hyde (past Bere Chapel).	2008	£	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, local Highway Authority.
<b>Priority 9: Improved safety and traffic flow on routes out of the village.</b> Justification: Safety.	To reduce congestion and improve reliability and road safety in the A35/31 corridor.	2008	£££	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors. DCC will continue to lobby Highways Agency for improvements to A35/31 corridor.
	To improve A35 by-pass junction with Roke Road leading to Milborne St. Andrew.	2010	££	Parish Council, our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC LTP, HAA.
	To improve safety at roundabout where A35 joins A31 and introduce traffic regulation at peak times.	Getting to be urgent	£££	PC, our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC LTP, HAA and Connect plc.
	To ensure A35 Morden Park Corner (A35/B3075 Morden Park Junction) remains a priority safety scheme.	2006 onwards	£££	DCC as Highway Authority.

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: To maintain and enhance public access to the countryside via the existing network of footpaths and bridleways.</b> Justification: Quality of life; public awareness; sustainability.</p>	<p>To ensure rights of way are effectively maintained and introduce a reporting scheme on the state of footpaths and bridleways - publicise and make use of an 'Adopt-a-path' scheme.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Village volunteers, Ramblers Association and Parish Council to inform DCC Rights of Way Team (paths) and PDC (boardwalk).</p>
	<p>To improve pedestrian/rider/cyclist access from Butt Lane to Bere Down. <b>See Traffic section. N.B. Jubilee Trail.</b></p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council and our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC Local Traffic Plan.</p>
	<p>To improve pedestrian/rider/cyclist access from Townsend Business Park to Woodbury Hill via Cow Drove Lane. Also to Rye Hill summit and Hollow Oak. <b>See Traffic Priority 5.</b></p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council and our District and County Councillors lobby for inclusion in DCC Local Traffic Plan.</p>
	<p>To develop wildlife trails around the village using existing rights of way and produce trail guides and on-site interpretation with environmental, heritage and wildlife information</p>	<p>by 2008</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Local volunteers. Parish Council. Village land-owners/attractions as trail starting points e.g. Pampered Pigs. Local knowledge.</p>



Natural Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 2: A Parish Conservation Group.</b> Justification: Community involvement; biodiversity.</p>	<p>Identify models from other villages. Promote and initiate a self-managing group.</p>	<p>2007 (1st meeting December 2006)</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Initially local experts then self-governing.</p>
<p><b>Priority 3. Conservation schemes, beneficial to the whole community.</b> Justification: Biodiversity; quality of life; rural economy.</p>	<p>To hold and make available information on schemes to support conservation.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Parish Conservation Group to act as a conduit with assistance from Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT), Natural England, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.</p>
<p><b>Priority 4: Green corridors and open spaces and important wildlife sites within and around the village are valued and properly cared for.</b> Justification: Biodiversity; quality of life.</p>	<p>To Identify areas appropriate for people (e.g. boardwalk, stream and water meadows) and those protected for wildlife (Hyde).</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts with assistance from DWT, Natural England, Environment Agency (EA).</p>

Natural Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
	To provide clear information on nature conservation importance and explain management measures.	2007 onwards	£	The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts with assistance from DWT, Natural England.
	To create a map of ownership of all public access land in the parish - verges, banks etc.	2007	£	The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts.
	To produce sensitivity maps.	2007	£	The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts with assistance from DWT, Natural England.
	To identify green corridors within the village, research their history, maintain and promote.	2007 ongoing	X	The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts.
	To provide expert advice to the campaign to prevent environmental damage by gravel extraction along the Bere Stream and Piddle valleys.	2007 ongoing	X	The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts.

Natural Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 5: A Riverside Local Nature Reserve (LNR), incorporating the existing Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI).</b> Justification: Biodiversity; Community involvement; public awareness; quality of life.</p>	<p>To establish a Local Nature Reserve Management Group (LNRMG) through the Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2). To negotiate transfer of the land from PDC to the Parish (or reach agreement with PDC as owner).</p>	<p>2006 - 7 onwards</p>	<p>X X (land)</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts. EA as Drainage Authority. The Parish Conservation Group + Parish Council, PDC (land).</p>
	<p>To develop a management plan for the LNR, in conjunction with existing management schemes.</p>	<p>2007 - 8</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts (or consultant) with assistance from DWT, Natural England, EA.</p>
	<p>Develop a 'People and Wildlife Strategy' for managing the Local Nature Reserve and other important wildlife sites in the parish – to include voluntary wardening, conservation tasks to be undertaken by village groups and individuals, monitoring etc.</p>	<p>2007 - 8</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts (or consultant) with assistance from DWT, Natural England, EA.</p>
	<p>To develop an education and interpretation plan for the area.</p>	<p>2007 - 8</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts (or consultant).</p>
	<p>To work with the village school to encourage educational use of the Local Nature Reserve and other relevant sites - local resource to meet curriculum targets.</p>	<p>2007 - 8</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The Parish Conservation Group (Priority 2) and local experts (or consultant) and school.</p>

## Priority Action Plan – The Village Environment

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1:</b> A wider appreciation of the significant historic and architectural features of the village. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Economy and Tourism.	To make existing appraisal information available to all villagers in a suitable format.	2007 then ongoing	Sponsor required £	Parish Council, PDC and a working group of village volunteers.
	To provide appropriate information and interpretive material. To produce a village map, showing points of interest, walks etc. and establish a Heritage Trail and promote, as appropriate. (See Tourism section).	2007 then ongoing	Sponsor required ££	Parish Council and a local interest group of village volunteers with Purbeck Heritage Committee.
<b>Priority 2.</b> The preservation of architectural features within the built environment. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Economy and Tourism.	To use the 2002 Conservation Area Appraisal to identify what Bere Regis' local architectural characteristics are.	2007 then ongoing	£	Parish Council, Purbeck Heritage Committee.
	To establish a photographic register of all relevant buildings and update on a regular basis.	Ongoing - already started	Sponsorship required £	Local photographers and Village Website.

Village Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 3:</b> Improved approaches to the village. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Economy and Tourism.	To establish single ownership of round-a-bouts and introduce a strategy of landscaping.	Various initiatives already underway	£	Parish Council, DCC.
	To initiate sponsored landscaping of the Poole Road round-a-bout	Keep trying	Prospective sponsor identified ££	Parish Council, DCC, local businesses.
	To achieve a co-ordinated approach to signage - see below.			
<b>Priority 4:</b> Enhanced visual appearance within the village. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Economy and Tourism.	To resolve exactly who is responsible for every area and every maintenance function.	2007	X	Designated Parish Councillor with PDC and DCC.
	To reduce overhead wiring by making our wishes known to the relevant organisations.	Long-term	£££	Parish Council, PDC, National Grid.
	To establish ownership of benches to ensure their maintenance (identify volunteers prepared to carry out maintenance of individual benches).	Late 2006	May need sponsors £	Parish Council.

Village Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Signage</b>				
	To achieve a co-ordinated approach to signage throughout the village, and a uniformly high standard of maintenance.	Starting 2007	££	A village champion with marketing/design skills & backing of PC and PDC (a representative of each responsible authority).
<b>Roads, Pavements and Gutters</b>				
	To draw up a twice-yearly list for Dorset CC requesting jobs to be done, & for inspecting to see whether they have been done.	Already exists in part. Develop in 2007	X	Designated Parish Councillor.
	To work with DCC to find 'win-win' ways to help bring the practice of their maintenance programme into line with their policy.	2007 onwards	£	Designated Parish Councillor in partnership with DCC.
	To publicise to residents the complaints line – CLARENCE.	2007 onwards	X	Designated Parish Councillor.
<b>Car Park</b> (See amenities section)				

Village Environment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Litter and 'Dog-do'</b>				
	To hold a 'village Tidy Day' and repeat if successful.	29 October 2006 initially	<b>X</b>	Parish Council Initiative.
	To represent Bere Regis on the Clean and Tidy Local Environment in Purbeck initiative.	2007	<b>X</b>	Parish Council, PDC.
	To determine the 'Health & Safety' and insurance angles related to voluntary work groups, then initiating these for "aesthetic" work that DCC will not undertake.	2007 onwards	Potential costs for insurance and safety gear <b>££</b>	Parish Council.
	To investigate the potential to use Community Order offenders to clear the village of weeds, and generally clear up the rubbish.	2007 onwards	Some, if it proves possible <b>£</b>	Parish Council.
	To investigate whether a "Village Man" could be employed, say in conjunction with other Parishes, to undertake odd-jobs and pavement/street sweeping.	2007 onwards	Salary contribution, if it proves possible <b>££</b>	Parish Council, other parish councils, PDC.



## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – YOUNG PEOPLE

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: The establishment of a Youth Forum.</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Community Involvement; quality of life.</p>	<p>To establish a 'Youth Forum'. This should consist mainly of young people under the age of 18, but also some adults able to give appropriate guidance, possibly one representative of each organisation that provides activities for young people as well as the Parish Council.</p>	<p>2007 then ongoing</p>	<p>Start-up funding to be sought £</p>	<p>Youth leaders, relevant village organisations, Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>Priority 2: Support for existing youth organisations.</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Community Involvement; quality of life.</p>	<p>To build greater understanding what existing organisations offer and of their requirements to succeed (e.g. fact-finding and publicity). To include holiday provision.</p>	<p>2007 then ongoing</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Youth Forum and a designated Parish Council member.</p>
<p><b>Priority 3. Improved local youth facilities and transport options.</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Community Involvement; quality of life.</p>	<p>To evaluate existing buildings as possible venues for an 'indoor meeting place' available for use on a regular basis.</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Youth Forum, Parish Council, Youth Leaders, Dorset Youth and Community Service.</p>
	<p>To set up and equip a meeting place (computers, refreshment provision etc.) and staff it with suitably trained personnel.</p>	<p>Post evaluation</p>	<p>££ - £££</p>	<p>Youth Forum, Parish Council, Youth Leaders, Dorset Youth and Community Service, young people.</p>

Young People continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
	To evaluate the shelter and kicking wall and improve and develop as necessary to meet the requirements of young people.	Already started	££	Parish Council with Youth Forum.
	To evaluate the suitability of existing areas with a view to establishing a safe area for riding bikes, including BMX and 'mountain' bikes and a safe, flat surface for very young children to learn how to ride a bike.	2007	£	Youth Forum, Parish Council, Youth Leaders, Play Group Leaders.
	To consider re-installing swings at the recreation Ground, addressing all implications - insurance, maintenance etc. (Sports Club cannot do this alone).	2007	Both initial and on-going funding implications ££	Youth Forum, Sports Club, National Playing Fields Association.
	To investigate the possibility of the purchase or lease of a mini-bus to be shared by village organisations (not just youth). Maintenance could be the responsibility of one village organisation, with costs shared appropriately. Logistics to include insurance, qualified drivers etc.	Medium term	££	Youth Forum, Relevant Village Organisations, School.

Young People continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
	To lobby for public transport options to Wareham and nearby towns. See <b>Public Transport section.</b>	2007 ongoing	X	Parish Council with Youth Forum.
	To consider replacing play park equipment with a simpler, metal and plastic facility on a modern, impact absorbing base.	2008	£££	Parish Council with expert advice.
<b>Priority 4: More provision for children during the working day.</b> <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; economic well-being of families; Safety.	To encourage and support the improvement and/or establishment of child-minding, nursery, day care and pre-school facilities in the village.	Medium term		Parents' Action Groups
	To lobby (if sufficient need is identified) for local availability of the proposed 'extended day' ('breakfast club' and an 'after school' club) and holiday clubs at the First School on the grounds of the remoteness of Bere Regis.	Medium term	££	School Governors, LEA, if need is proven

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN - AMENITIES

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Local Businesses</b>				
<b>Priority 1: Good support for existing businesses.</b> <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Economy and Tourism.	To use them or lose them.	Ongoing	X	All parishioners.
<b>Priority 2: Improvements in other facilities e.g. toilets, car parking and signs, which could assist local businesses.</b> <b>Justification:</b> Economy and Tourism.	To maintain access for cars, vans and deliveries. <i>See Traffic section.</i>	Pressing	££	DCC and proposed Traffic Consultation.
	To improve signage. <i>See Village Environment section.</i>	Starting 2007	££	
	To address re-instating public access toilets (include in review of central car park area - <i>see priority 5</i> ).	Urgent	Potentially high £££	Parish Council with PDC.

Amenities continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Churches, Voluntary Organisations and Village Information</b>				
<b>Priority 3. A support network, which will enable groups to operate effectively. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement.	To appoint a Councillor with a specific brief to facilitate the activities of village clubs and societies.	2007	X	Parish Council.
	To involve clubs and societies in the project assessment for a new community hall.	When undertaken	X	Parish Council, New Hall Committee, Clubs and Societies.
	To review North Street lighting.	2007	£	Parish Council with PDC.
<b>Priority 4. A more effective information/ communication system between village groups, and about village events and other amenities. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement.	To establish an 'Organisations' Forum', chaired initially by the Councillor (see above). Tasks to include: Developing and distributing the leaflet for new residents, information sharing through notice boards, Parish Magazine, Website, an annual publicity event.	2007 onwards	£	Parish Council, clubs and societies.
	To represent all youth organisations on the proposed new 'Youth Forum'. See <a href="#">Youth Section</a> .	2007 onwards	£	Youth Forum.
	To involve Parish Magazine editor and Webmasters in 'Organisations Forum'.	2007 onwards	£	Parish Council, Parish Magazine Editor, Webmasters.

Amenities continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Other Village Amenities</b>				
<p><b>Priority 5. A strategic approach taken to improve the car park area.</b> Justification: Quality of life; Health and Safety, Tourism and Economy.</p>	<p>To set up a focus group to look at <u>all</u> the issues relating to the car park area e.g. re-location of skips, provision and security of toilets, reduction of anti-social behaviour and provision of car parking that will actually get used. <b>Also see Traffic section.</b></p>	Urgent	£	To be chaired by Parish Council and to include Environmental Services Officer, PDC, Environment Agency, Medical Centre and nearby residents. Note: PDC owns car park area.
<p><b>Priority 6: A planned, managed and monitored system for the upkeep of other amenities.</b> Justification: Quality of life; Community Involvement.</p>	<p>To establish ownership of all amenities and open spaces (See <b>Natural and Village Environment Sections</b>) and create a structure for maintenance, involving volunteer help where appropriate. Use the cemetery as a model of good practice.</p>	2007 onwards	£	Parish Councillors with individual responsibilities, PDC.

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – MEDICAL FACILITIES

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1: Medical facilities to meet the changing needs and entitlements of the community and infrastructure to support them. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement and health and safety.	To develop options for extended medical facilities.	Urgent	£££	The Medical Practice.
	To consider implications of the current and future medical facilities in the proposed future Housing Survey.	2007	X	Parish Council.
	To include parking needs in proposed Focus Group review of Car Park area.	2006/7	X	Parish Council.
	To lobby for NHS dental provision.	2007	X	Parish Council with PDC.
<b>Priority 2. A mechanism for patients' views to be heard. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement and health and safety.	To establish and run a Patient Participant Group at the Surgery.	2006 and ongoing	£	The Medical Practice.



## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – EDUCATION

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: Implementation of the Governors' School Development Plan.</b>  <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Safety.</p>	<p>To support the School Governors in the implementation of the SDP and other initiatives.</p>	<p>Yearly</p>	<p>Through school delegated budget and Parish Council.  <b>£</b></p>	<p>Local Authority, Governors, Head Teacher, Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>Priority 2: Continued support for the school's role in community life.</b>  <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement.</p>	<p>To involve the school in the proposed 'Youth Forum'.</p>	<p>2006 - 2010</p>	<p>Through school delegated budget and Parish Council.  <b>£</b></p>	<p>Local Authority, Governors, Head Teacher, Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>Priority 3: Development of extended school services &amp; facilities for the community.</b>  <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement.</p>	<p>To establish a communication mechanism with other providers, e.g. local playgroups and Surestart.</p>	<p>2006 - 2010</p>	<p>Some received from Surestart.  <b>£</b></p>	<p>Local Authority, Governors, Head Teacher, Parish Council.</p>

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – SERVICES

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1. Dialogue fostered with key service providers.</b> Justification: Quality of life; Sustainability, Safety.	Waste: To designate a Parish Councillor to work with PDC to get the best out of their developing approach to recycling.	2007 onwards	£	Parish Council, PDC.
	To request DCC for improvements to North Street lighting. Rationale: "Health & Safety" in view of the elderly nature of many of the users.	2007	Required if agreed ££	Parish Council with DCC.
	To lobby BBC for improved digital coverage.	2007	£	Parish Council.
	To request Electricity providers to include our requirements in their plans.	Long Term	£	Parish Council.
<b>Priority 2. Central car park/re-cycling skips issues addressed.</b> Justification: Quality of Life; Tourism.	(See Amenities section)	Urgent		
<b>Priority 3: A review of disabled facilities.</b> Justification: Quality of life; health and safety.	To establish focus group to study and recommend to the Parish Council. It should comprise appropriately skilled members from PDC/Parish Council.	2007 onwards	£	Parish Council, PDC, Directorate of Adult Services DCC.

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – HOUSING

(Includes anti-big development)

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: Early fulfilment of "Affordable" needs, and in a sustainable manner.</b>  <b>Justification:</b> Needs Survey.</p>	<p>To open discussions with Housing Associations and review whether forming a Community Development Trust would be advantageous. To publicise final proposals for comment.</p>	<p>To make a decision on the selected housing association partner by 2006.</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council. Synergy, an alternative Housing Association.</p>
	<p>To design and build, initially, a small number of units, possibly on council owned land as this may prove the easiest to acquire in the first instance.</p>	<p>2006 - 7. During this period, experience will be gained for use on the next phase.</p>	<p>£££</p>	<p>Parish Council, relevant Councils.</p>
	<p>To base the number and type of units to be built on experience with initial developments. Likely to require Exception Sites.</p>	<p>2007 - 9</p>	<p>£££</p>	
<p><b>Priority 2: Steady, consistent, clear opposition to 'block-buster' large development. Justification:</b> Quality of life, Sustainability, Biodiversity, Conservation Area, Village Character.</p>	<p>To resist pressure for development that does not arise from our local needs. Make it clear that our policy is step-by-step, driven by our own needs and our wish to retain the character of the village</p>	<p>Immediate and ongoing</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council, P.D.C.</p>

Housing continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 3: Open-mindedness to steady, measured growth in the future, where that is found to be important in maintaining the vitality of the community.</b>  <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life. Sustainability.</p>	<p>To review both the Settlement Boundary and the footprint of the Conservation Area with the intention of making both consistent with allowing the community to develop but maintain its village community characteristics.</p>	<p>2006/7</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council with PDC.</p>
	<p>To input into District and Regional development planning - pro-actively not reactively.</p>	<p>2006 onwards</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Through a delegated member of the Parish Council.</p>
	<p>To conduct a survey to gauge public opinion of overall housing needs in a pre-informed manner (SW Area background; assessment of relevant local amenities, services and infrastructure; likely wage/salary levels in relation to likely house prices; local employment plans etc.).</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council. Synergy, an alternative Housing Association.</p>
	<p>To repeat this survey, and a separate survey specifically for affordable housing.</p>	<p>Every 4 years, close to the start of each newly elected Parish Council.</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council. Synergy, an alternative Housing Association.</p>

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – COMMUNITY HALL

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: The existing village hall, available and accessible for all users. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Access and Safety.</p>	<p>To encourage use of the existing village hall and to continue to improve facilities, within the capability of the building.</p>	<p>Already underway</p>	<p>Obtained. More will be needed <b>££</b></p>	<p>Drax Hall Committee and Parish Council (Trustees).</p>
<p><b>Priority 2: The opportunity for a new community hall to be kept under regular review. Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Access and Safety.</p>	<p>To reconvene the <i>NewHall Committee</i> when appropriate.</p>	<p>When individual or combined pressure justifies (e.g. if a completely new scout hut is needed)</p>	<p>Very high, if new building undertaken <b>£££</b></p>	<p>Relevant organisations.</p>

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN – LAW AND ORDER

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1.</b> Alertness and awareness of potential trouble. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Safety.	To run periodic publicity and information campaigns to ensure all incidents of concern are reported to the police; to encourage Individuals or groups to lobby Parish Council on any issues causing ongoing concern; to target particular groups and/or issues.	Ongoing	£	Parish Council with local police, Crime Prevention Officer, PDC Community Safety Officer.
	To ensure continued contact with police at community level for exchange of information and topical concerns.	Ongoing	£	Home Watch groups with Police contacts.
<b>Priority 2.</b> Areas in the village, that are a focus for bad behaviour, dealt with. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Safety.	To address central car park area by setting up: a 'Focus Group' (see <b>Amenities section</b> ) and youth -related problems by setting up: a 'Youth Forum' (see <b>Youth section</b> ).	2007	None immediately but remedies may cost.	Parish Council, relevant organisations, Youth Leaders,
<b>Priority 3:</b> · To actively support crime prevention measures. <b>Justification:</b> Quality of life; Community Involvement; Safety.	To hold a public meeting.	2007	£	Home Watch Group leaders with PDC Crime Prevention Officer and local police.

## Priority Action Plan – Public Transport

To achieve our priorities, it is crucial that:

- Parishioners make their requirements known by writing to their District and County Council representatives.
- Parishioners and visitors use public transport services, if they want them to be maintained and improved.

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Priority 1: Existing services retained and improved.</b> Justification: Sustainability; quality of life.	To inform decision-makers that the existing services need to be retained and improved - mainly by using them.	On-going	£	Parishioners.
	To lobby for a regular bus service between Bere Regis and Wareham	2007	£	Parish Council to initiate actions.
<b>Priority 2: Bere Regis linked to the Door To Dorset service at the earliest opportunity.</b> Justification: Sustainability; quality of life.	To link Bere Regis to Door to Dorset 'on demand' bus service, either as part of an existing scheme or within a new scheme including Wareham.	2007	Funding available from Central government via DCC ££	Parish Council, PDC and DCC and local MP.



Public Transport continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 3: Additional public transport use encouraged.</b> Justification: Sustainability; quality of life.</p>	<p>To improve publicity about local services e.g. Better display of current timetables, DCC Timetable booklet No.5 available in village shops, promotion of, and possible financial support for, Home Hopper Service.</p>	<p>2006 - 7</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Designated Parish Councillor.</p>
	<p>To publicise local services on village Website and in Parish magazine.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Webmaster liaising with designated Councillor.</p>
<p><b>Priority 4: Improvement to bus stops and shelters.</b> Justification: Sustainability; quality of life.</p>	<p>To quantify the need for and practicalities of providing a bus shelter for school children and the bus travelling public. Include in remit for Car Park area 'Focus Group' (See Amenities section).</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>DCC has details of designs, costs and subsidies available.</p>	<p>Parish Council to explore the feasibility and initiate the provision of a shelter (or inform villagers if this cannot be done).</p>
	<p>To review the siting of bus stops in the village.</p>	<p>During Traffic Study (See Traffic section).</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Traffic Study.</p>
<p><b>Priority 5: The possibilities for volunteer opportunities explored.</b> Justification: Sustainability; quality of life.</p>	<p>To seek a local volunteer organiser and explore the possibility of Bere Regis becoming a local operating centre for Dorset Country Car Scheme, supported by DCC.</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>Set-up funds available to viable centres from DCC. £</p>	<p>Designated Parish Councillor then potential local organiser(s) to contact DCC.</p>

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN - EMPLOYMENT

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1: The establishment of a working group of committed, knowledgeable people within the parish to raise the importance of economic activity and to examine ways to implement the policy. Justification:</b> Economic; Community Involvement.</p>	<p>To establish an Employment Working Group.</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council with local businesses and experienced professionals. PDC Tourism Officer willing to help. DCC Creative Industries Task Group offers specific help.</p>

Employment continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<b>Ideas to be evaluated</b>				
	To establish a 'Network Village' with village wide access to the Internet.	Longer term	Likely to be substantial <b>£££</b>	Parish Council.
	To use the Website to promote the village as a possible venue for e-commerce and for tourist accommodation. (See <b>Tourism section</b> ).	2007 onwards	<b>X</b>	Village Web Master with Parish Council.
	To review restrictions, currently limiting types of business allowed on the Townsend Estate.	2007 onwards	<b>X</b>	Parish Council with PDC.
	To be open to more specialist retail, appropriate to the location.	2007 onwards	<b>£</b>	Parish Council.
	To review the potential for Bere Regis as a more important link in the emergency services network	2007 onwards	<b>X</b>	Parish Council with Emergency Services.
	To support the development of enterprises based on our rural craft skills.	Longer term	<b>£</b>	Parish Council.
	To promote accommodation in the village - camping, caravanning, B&B and holiday homes in time for Weymouth Olympics 2012 (See <b>Tourism section</b> ).	2009 onwards	<b>£</b>	Parish Council.

## PRIORITY ACTION PLAN - TOURISM

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 1:</b> Improved basic amenities and more made of existing attractions.  <b>Justification:</b> Economic.</p>	<p>To improve facilities in car park e.g. improve access and attractiveness of car park, re-site recycling facilities, reinstate toilets and erect village attraction and business information board and map to make more welcoming. (See amenities section).</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>PDC and sponsors  <b>££</b></p>	<p>Parish Council through Car park area 'Focus Group'.            Involve PDC Tourism Officer.</p>
	<p>To continue pre-arranged access to and guides in the church.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Voluntary  <b>X</b></p>	<p>Church Wardens and volunteers.</p>

Tourism continued

Our Priorities	Actions	Timescale	Funding	Responsibility and Consultation
<p><b>Priority 2.</b> Effective distribution of information about the village.  <b>Justification:</b> Economic.</p>	<p>To raise the profile of Bere Regis in publicity material covering Purbeck as a whole.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council in association with PDC Tourism Officer.</p>
	<p>To improve signage - campaign for 'brown signs highlighting village and Church, improve local signage.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>££</p>	<p>Parish Council in association with PDC.</p>
	<p>To publish more village postcards and distribute leaflets via retailers and Church.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Parish Council in association with PDC.</p>
	<p>To improve website links from other tourist websites to our own.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>Voluntary X</p>	<p>Our Webmaster.</p>
<p><b>Priority 3.</b> Entrepreneurial development of accommodation and amenities in keeping with the nature of the Parish.  <b>Justification:</b> Economic.</p>	<p>To encourage the provision of refreshments for visitors e.g. a tearoom, 'meal deals' with the coach companies, refreshments for Church visits.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>Private providers.</p>
	<p>To encourage more 'in character' accommodation e.g. B&amp;Bs.</p>	<p>Start in 2007</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Private providers.</p>



# ACTION PLANS

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