

QUENINGTON PARISH PLAN 2020-2025 (DRAFT)

Introduction

Parish Plans are community led plans that set out a vision for the future of the parish. The last Quenington Parish Plan was produced in 2011 and Quenington Parish Council, along with local volunteers have reviewed this plan and prepared a new version as a guide for the next 5 years. Guidance on how to 'Review and Refresh' the existing Parish Plan was given by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC).

Abbreviations have been used in the following tables as follows:

QVH: Quenington Village Hall Committee
QPC: Quenington Parish Council
GCC: Gloucestershire County Council
CDC: Cotswold District Council
ECT: Ernest Cook Trust

1. Review of the 2011-2016 Parish Plan

The 2011-2016 action plan was reviewed and items that have been successfully carried out are listed below:

Action No	Action	Result	Who was involved
1	Promote the Village Institute	During the period of the last plan, the village was offered the opportunity to purchase the Chapel. The Institute was sold and converted to residential and the Chapel converted to Quenington Village Hall. The new QVH is a widely utilised asset offering a range of activities to all ages.	QVH QPC Volunteers
2	Launch an online village noticeboard or website	A Quenington Village Hall website was set up in 2013 and a QPC website set up in 2014	QVH QPC
3	Install new village notice boards	Three new notice boards in have been installed in the village: Village Green Victoria Road Village Hall	QPC QPC QVH
4.	Hold an Annual Village forum	QPC organises the Annual Parish/Village Meeting held in April – open to all residents and local organisations are invited to speak. QVH holds an annual AGM to update on activities over the last year.	QPC Local organisations QVH
5	Deliver a Welcome Pack to new village residents	An informative and useful pack is kept up to date and delivered to new residents, a copy is also available on the QPC website	QPC Volunteers
13	Extension to the cemetery in Fowler's Hill	Planning Permission granted for extension in 2016, land purchased in 2017 and boundary wall completed in 2018. It is hoped to release burial plots in 2020.	QPC
15	Provide additional equipment in playground for younger children	Duckling springie and nest swing erected in 2015	QPC GCC Active Together grant
19.	Street Lighting	Lighting changed to LED in 2018. Some complaints from residents but screens have been added to reduce brightness	GCC Street Lighting
20	Lobby for Plastics Collection	Collection of plastic from the kerbside carried out by CDC	CDC

Other actions were deemed ongoing as further work is needed to reach completion or due to the nature of the action, there will always be a continuous need for attention, these are listed below:

Action No	Action	Results and what else is needed	Who needs to be involved
6.	Reduce the amount of dog fouling in the village	New dog bins have been installed, regular articles in CHEQS, increase in fines and who can report offenses Quenington Anti Fouling Organisation on FaceBook Ongoing reporting and education needed	QPC CDC/Police Residents
7.	Reduce amount of speeding in the village	Community Speedwatch set up and regular speed checks take place. Police send out warning letters. Two 'Smily Sid' signs installed to encourage slower driving and new Welcome to Quenington signs to define built up area. Still ongoing problems - more Speedwatch areas and checks needed but shortage of volunteers. Ongoing discussions with Police and Highways to reduce speeds.	QPC Volunteers Police GCC Highways
8	Address issues with parking in certain areas of the village	Some success with reducing parking on Green but still an ongoing issue.	QPC Residents GCC Highways
9	Investigate options for improved mobile phone reception and speed of broadband connection in the village	Broadband speed increased with 'Fastershire'. To date we have had two unsuccessful planning applications to erect a telecommunications mast to improve mobile reception. QPC has been working with the provider to identify a suitable location and a further application is anticipated in 2019.	Mobile phone companies QPC
10.	Lobby to keep current bus services for the village and look into potential for improvement	Bus service was reduced but following complaints there was an increase in services as public can now use the school bus. Community Connexions bus service is available. Need to try and prevent any further loss to bus services.	QPC GCC
11.	Carry out inspection of local rights of way to ensure in good order	Ramblers Association reported no issues with local paths. Any problems that arise are reported quickly to relevant land owner.	QPC ECT Local landowners

12.	Pavement maintenance and cleaning	Leaf sweeps and road cleaning take place regularly – requests made to CDC if action needed	QPC CDC
14.	Carry out feasibility study into provision of allotments	Survey of residents carried out to assess demand but no success in location of suitable land. Continue to consider options for suitable land and encourage setting up of an Allotment Association.	QPC ECT Local landowners
16.	Address issues concerning flooding and sewage.	Actions carried out where necessary and when issues arise.	Thames Water GCC QPC
17.	Promote local services and facilities	QPC website & Welcome Packs promote local services and facilities QVH website promotes activities/clubs A FaceBook page would give residents the opportunity to publicise their services, events etc	Volunteers Residents Local businesses
18.	Monitor housing availability in the village	No major issues raised recently. Consider new planning applications carefully	QPC CDC

2. Changes in the community since the previous plan:

- There have been minimal changes in the population of the village, housing and employment.
- The biggest change has been the opening of Quenington Village Hall which is a valuable asset to the community and is busy with bookings most week days and often at weekends too.
- The cemetery extension has been bought and should be available for burials from 2020.
- Additional equipment has been added to the playground and safety surfaces have been replaced.

3. Plan for new initiatives/issues – consultation with residents

The most important part of the process was to consult with residents to find out what was important to them. A questionnaire was prepared and circulated in July/August 2018 to every household in the parish (252 dwellings) and 4 dwellings in Netherpton making a total of 256 dwellings. There was a 68% response rate and Quenington Parish Council is grateful to all those that responded; there is a separate summary of the responses available. Grateful thanks are also given to Margaret Stranks who volunteered to put the questionnaire together, circulate it and analyse the results – a huge input of her time.

4. Action Points identified from Questionnaire

A new Draft Action Plan was produced as a result of the above stages:

No	Proposed Action	Evidence of Need	People/Organisations to be involved in achieving outcome
COMMUNITY			
1	Continue to provide residents with the opportunity to voice their concerns. Encourage greater attendance at Annual Parish Meeting Encourage attendance at monthly coffee mornings	Low attendance at Annual Parish Meeting and coffee mornings	QPC- Annual Parish meeting QVH- Coffee mornings
2	Continue to deliver welcome packs to new village residents	Word of mouth – appreciated by new residents	QPC/ volunteers
ENVIRONMENT			
3	Reduce amount of dog fouling in the village Ensure dog owners are aware of the nuisance and health risks of dog fouling by article in CHEQS Promote the fact that ordinary litter bins can also be used for dog waste	53% of respondents consider dog fouling to be a problem. Snake Drive was mentioned as the area with most dog fouling.	QPC CDC Environmental warden
4	Reduce the amount of speeding in the village Continue with Community Speedwatch & encourage more volunteers Work with schools to promote speed awareness	Issue raised at Annual Parish Meetings & 64% of respondents consider speeding to be an issue and on all roads in the parish	QPC Volunteers Police Schools

5	<p>Address parking issues in the village Promote the fact that the Green shouldn't be used for regular parking Liaise with Police and Highways for advice</p>	<p>31% thought there were parking issues in the village – most notably on the Green, near Village Hall and Church Road.</p>	<p>QPC Police GCC Highways</p>
6.	<p>Promote local rights of way to residents and visitors and assist with co-ordinating maintenance. Ask residents to report any issues to the Parish Council and contact appropriate body as necessary Promote footpaths with a walks leaflet</p>	<p>79% of respondents replied that public rights of way are very important to them but 60% do not have a map of local public rights of way. 88% are satisfied with maintenance but regular monitoring should still be carried out and individual comments looked into.</p>	<p>QPC Landowners GCC Public Rights of Way</p>
7.	<p>Pavement maintenance and cleaning Monitor for leaf clearing/drain unblocking/overhanging vegetation and report as necessary Ask residents to report any issues to the Parish Council and contact appropriate body as necessary Use County Cllr budget for additional street cleaning as necessary Continue to hold Annual Spring Cleans –increase litter picking on road verges as well as in village</p>	<p>23% were dissatisfied with pavement maintenance and cleaning – a main concern was leaf and snow clearance should be more frequent. Leaves on Quenington Hill was mentioned several times. Overhanging hedges were raised as a problem 21% of respondents consider litter to be a problem, many mentioned the litter in road verges.</p>	<p>QPC Snow Warden GCC Highways CDC Volunteers</p>
8.	<p>Address issues concerning flooding and sewage</p>	<p>15% of respondents think the village needs flood prevention measures; areas of concern were bottom of Church Road, Victoria Road, bottom of Netherton Hill, and near the Green when drains fail.</p>	<p>QPC Thames Water GCC Highways GRCC</p>

	Be aware of properties that are at risk and liaise with necessary authorities		
9.	Investigate the possibility of constructing a pavement to the bus stop at the top of the Green Carry out a feasibility study and costing exercise	74% of respondents thought that a pavement to the bus stop would be a good idea	QPC GCC Highways
	FACILITIES		
10.	Investigate options for improved mobile phone reception and speed of broadband connection Work with mobile phone companies to try to find suitable location for a mast Investigate other options to improve the reception.	93% of respondents use a mobile phone, of these 85% were not satisfied with the reception. There is also concern about the visual impact of a mast though.	QPC Mobile phone/broadband providers
11.	Protect and try to improve local bus services Be aware of proposed changes to public transport and try to protect services – liaise with GCC Promote the community bus services Look into options/availability of local transport schemes	Respondents from 93 households indicated that they might use public transport more often, Cirencester being the most popular destination.	QPC GCC Community Connexions
12.	Assist Development of Allotment Committee Discuss availability of land with local landowners and farmers Encourage use of Hatherop allotments	28% of respondents were interested in an allotment with 17 being very interested.	QPC Volunteers Landowners

	Initiate an Allotment committee if suitable land is found		
13.	Continue to maintain playground Sufficient equipment now in playground but monitor condition, replace old equipment when appropriate Replace goal posts and improve surface around them.	52% of respondents thought the equipment was suitable for all ages and 42% didn't know. There was mention of improving the football and basketball areas and that some cleaning is needed.	QPC Quenington Bulldogs Volunteers
14.	Promote Local Services and Activities Consider ways to promote local services and activities to encourage both residents and visitors to support them	The most important facilities to residents were public rights of way, Coln Stores, Village Hall and The Keepers Arms	Business owners/user groups/committees/organisers
15.	Look at possible uses for Telephone Kiosk Currently used as book swap but investigate other suggestions	Suggestions from residents include: Defibrillator information, map of local walks, noticeboard, village map, historical info	QPC Volunteers

Residents that gave their email addresses in response to wishing to be more involved in the community were given suggestions and contact details on how to be more involved. Residents with specific comments/questions were also contacted individually.

5. Check community priorities

This document is to complete stage 5 and obtain feedback from the community on the proposed draft actions listed in section 4.

7. Create refreshed plan

The final Quenington 2020-2025 Plan will be produced after completion of stage 5.

8. Publicise the plan

The plan will be publicised on local noticeboards, CHEQS, at coffee mornings and on the Quenington Parish Council website; publicity will include how to access the plan.

A copy of the plan will also be sent to Gloucestershire Rural Community Council & Cotswold District Council