

Bugbrooke Parish Council Action Plan 2023/2024

Aim: The purpose of this action plan is to ensure Bugbrooke Parish Council are being proactive rather than reactive. There are always unplanned issues or needs that arise in the village and dealing with those often has to take priority. Therefore, the purpose of this plan is not to bind the parish council to activities and dates but to provide a framework that can be amended and updated as required. It is a living document designed to be altered as the needs of the residents or the situation changes.

Objectives:

1. **Enhance our village** – making Bugbrooke a great place to live for every generation.
2. **Protecting the community** – the parish council want to do all in their power to keep residents safe from a security, safety, environmental and wellbeing perspective.
3. **Working with the community** – create opportunities to bring the whole community together.

Actions:

Focus/Objective	Proposed Action	Budget Implications	Timing
Enhancing Our Village			
Playgrounds	1. Community Centre Playground – replace the large climbing frame with a roundabout accessible for all. - Replace the frog bin with litter and recycling bin.	Substantial funding will be required. £6000	2023/2024
	2. School playground - replace the springer with a new one - Longer term replace grass with new surface	£5500	2022
		£15,000	2025

	- Renew equipment with accessible and robust under 12 equipment. 3. MUGA - replace hoops with something stronger. - Look at other potential uses for the MUGA	£35,000 £1500	2027 2024
Recycling Bins	When collection allows replace all bins in the village with separate recycling sections as required.	£2500 per bin plus collection fees TBC	TBC
Hanging Baskets/Planters	Continue with the annual baskets	£2600	2023
Streetlights	Paint the black ornate lamps on the High Street.	£7000	2023
Christmas Foliage	Place a Christmas Tree or Wreaths on the lamp posts	£350 – Tree £20 – per Wreath (5) -£100	2022?
Protecting the Community			
Liaise with local police/PCSO to ensure residents feel safe in Bugbrooke	1. Continue to work with PCSO to keep crime low in the parish. 2. Council Police Liaison officer to attend appropriate meetings and report back.	Continue funding of PCSO	Review sponsorship of PCSO Sept/Oct 2023.
Speeding	1. Regularly move the VAS to different areas of the village and monitor the results. 2. Continue with speed watch.	Minimal VAS has been purchased and we have a spare battery.	Move VAS quarterly or when required. Speed watch will be introduced in consultation with the police.
Report all highway and footpath faults	1. Continue report the faults and chase. 2. Educate residents how to report faults directly via street doctor.	None	Ongoing Article in Link November 2022

Flood protection	1. To continue to work the Environment Agency to ensure maintenance of the brook.	None	Ongoing
Public Transport	Monitor the local service and push for an enhanced service to include a route to Towcester.	None	Ongoing
Protect open spaces	1. Keep pressure on West Northants to maintain the footpaths and cut back foliage. 2. Look after the green spaces maintained by the parish council. 3. Ensure all trees have a 3 -year Professional Risk Assessment	None – expect when they do not and council budget is required. Include money in the budget for maintenance of these areas. £300 in 2022. £1500 in 2023/2024. Environmental working group to enhance the green spaces. £3000	Ongoing 2023
Working with the Community			
Involve the community in Parish Council Initiatives	1. Encourage residents to attend the Monthly Meetings 2. Keep the website and social media updated with parish council activity. Councillors to help keep noticeboards and radio updated as required.	None	Ongoing Ongoing
Strengthen relationships with educational providers within the parish	1. PCSO working in Campion weekly. 2. Ask the school to be involved with Twinning and community events.	£27,000 PCSO	Ongoing
Support volunteer groups where appropriate	Advertise and promote local groups as requested	£40 room hire if create an open evening to encourage new members	Early 2023

		and how to volunteer in Bugbrooke plus £60 for refreshments.	
Organise events to try to bring the whole community together	1. Coronation – organise a whole village event. For example: Utilise the community centre perhaps with a tea dance in afternoon and approach clubs to help with child friendly activities on the field and small hall, evening local band and bbq (Rugby club marquee).	£5000	
Celebrate our Twinning with Vohl	1. Officials visit – create an open afternoon utilise the Community Centre to showcase Bugbrooke Clubs, art, school choir, afternoon tea. 2. Twinning weekend – football social and whole village event, perhaps including Barn Dance.	£500 £3000	2023 2024