

# Great Salkeld Community Led Parish Plan 2020 – 2023

## Introduction and Background Information ...

In February 2020 Great Salkeld Parish Council distributed a questionnaire to every household (220) in the parish. The responses (127) were collated, analysed and became the basis for a report which is publicly available online at [www.great-salkeld.net](http://www.great-salkeld.net). The report includes a proposed Action Plan for 2020- 2023 which is consistent with the Parish Council statutory powers and reflects Eden District Council (EDC) policies and strategies<sup>1</sup>. The Parish Council sought the community's views on the Action Plan by distributing a feedback form to every household in the parish in October 2020. Residents were asked to tick if they agreed, disagreed or didn't know to each of the action points.

A total of 37 feedback forms were returned (28 by hardcopy compared to 9 electronically) just over a third the number of residents who replied to the original questionnaire. Whilst at first it might seem a disappointing number of respondents, the circumstances in 2020 are anything but usual. Restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic has caused inevitable disruption since distributing the original questionnaire and seeking feedback. That so many residents did take the time and trouble to respond is a credit to them and a good indicator of their support for the actions proposed.

### 1. Communication

The parish council has a responsibility to communicate effectively with residents and represent their views.

ISSUE 1. Communication	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Paper-based communications	Continuation of paper-based communication between parish council and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore communication options</li> <li>- Provide updates &amp; news for newsletters</li> <li>- Seek to recruit 5 new members for CRAIC</li> <li>- Recruits to shadow editorial team for 2020</li> </ul>	35		
Web-based communications	Enhance and strengthen web-based communications between parish council and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote website <a href="http://www.great-salkeld.net">www.great-salkeld.net</a></li> <li>- Request GS Facebook link to <a href="http://www.great-salkeld.net">www.great-salkeld.net</a> for information &amp; updates</li> <li>- <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 1</i> to explore ways to improve internet speeds across parish</li> </ul>	29	2	4
Notice Boards	Continue sharing parish council minutes Notice boards upgraded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek volunteers to upgrade &amp; maintain noticeboards</li> <li>- Consider adding minutes to Highland Drove noticeboard</li> </ul>	33		

### 2. Housing

The Parish Council has a responsibility, as a statutory consultee, to respond to planning applications relating to the parish, therefore, parish councillors need to have a good understanding of local issues concerning planning matters. But they do not “accept” or “refuse” planning applications; this is the responsibility of EDC.

ISSUE 2: Housing	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Planning & Development	Encourage homes that meet local need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parish Council note and represent the local needs to EDC Planning</li> </ul>	34		
Conservation area status	Preservation & enhancement of historical, built and rural environment of the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply GS Character Assessment to planning matters</li> <li>- <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 2</i> to consider a Village Design Statement for the parish</li> </ul>	29	3	3

<sup>1</sup> Eden Local Plan 2017 – 2032

### 3. Environment

The Parish Council has a responsibility for several public spaces (described in 6 Community Facilities) and, as a statutory consultee, for tree felling and pruning trees with existing Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) within the parish. Whilst EDC is responsible for TPO, Cumbria County Council (CCC) Highways Authority is responsible for the maintenance of roadside verges. In recent years mowing and pruning has been restricted to one metre from the edge and at road junctions to ensure good visibility and encourage insects, wildlife and plants.

ISSUE 3: Environment	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Litter and Dog Fouling	Litter free parish with clean paths and verges	-EDC provision to tackle fly tipping eg <b>01768 817817</b> or <a href="mailto:customer.services@eden.gov.uk">customer.services@eden.gov.uk</a> -Identify with EDC about siting of litter bins -Co-ordinate community volunteers for litter collection -Eden policy shared with residents & holiday lets	34		
Mixed views 50/50 on street lighting v no street lighting	Clear strategy & plan for street lighting	-Consult further with residents -Discuss possibilities on street lighting with EDC	27	6	2
Parish owned land and wildlife environment	Green spaces, native environment encouraged	-Complete the tree survey -Scope interest in a parish 'bird watch' survey -Suggest Environment Group to oversee and promote environmental issues across parish activities / assets	31		4

### 4. Transport & Highways

CCC is responsible for highways, footpaths and bridleways, including signage and paths. The Parish Council can raise persistently unresolved issues on resident's behalf with CCC. However, anyone can report a problem about roads and pavements online to Cumbria County Council's Highways team or by calling the Highways hotline: **0300 303 2992**.

ISSUE 4: Transport & Highways	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Speeding vehicles	30 mph speed limit respected	-Recruit more Speedwatch volunteers to offer greater flexibility when scheduling rota - <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 3</i> to explore affordable speed control measures – invite Highways, wider community and local employers	34		
Parking and nuisance parking	Safe parking, Safe footpaths, Safe walkers	-Identify problem areas, remind residents it is an offence & request more considerate parking -Planning approvals consider parking for contractors -Identify alternative parking spots in parish -EDC engaged to improve pavements	29	4	2
Advertising boards on verges	Safety & respect for conservation	-Encourage board owners to comply with safety and conservation requirements	30	2	2
Poor, missing or hidden road signs and markings	Clear roads, markings & signs to improve road safety	-Individuals encouraged to use Highways hotline: 0300 303 2992 -Parish Council continue to raise unresolved issues -Explore Hi-Viz backing for 'give way' signs at Green Lane & South Dykes crossroad -Discuss Green Lane & South Dykes crossroad with Highways -Consider improved signage to North & South Dykes with CCC	33		1

### 5. Leisure & Community Support

Residents appreciate the varied activities that keep them physically, mentally and socially active in a rural and somewhat isolated community. Whilst the community rallied around people during the Covid-19 lockdown, the

Parish Council also triggered their Emergency Plan to provide a point of contact should people find themselves in need of support, whether that be someone to talk to or help with collecting prescriptions or groceries.

ISSUE 5: Leisure & Community Support	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Clubs and activities	Facilitate & communicate community activities within the parish	-Continue support to existing clubs & activities -Facilitate setting up new clubs & activities Advertise on communications	35		2
Footpath signage	Improved awareness of public rights of way	- <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 4</i> to map public footpaths & consider ways to share information	34	2	1
Vulnerable, isolated, lonely or new residents in the parish	Residents supported by a network of people to help them maintain health, well-being & independence	-Review Parish Council emergency planning - <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 5</i> to establish an ongoing 'Good Neighbour Scheme' or similar	33		3

## 6. Community Facilities

Community facilities owned or managed solely by the Parish Council include the village green and play area, the Lonnin Head Dub pond, Otterriggs field at North Dykes, the parish fishing area on the River Eden to the South of Nunwick Hall and the recycling point.

ISSUE 6: Community Facilities	AIM	HOW TO TACKLE IT	Yes	No	Don't Know
Recycling opportunities	Improve recycling Increase revenue Increase access	-Increase awareness that recycling point generates parish income -Discuss recycling opportunities with EDC -Increase signage at recycling point -Look at access for non-drivers	33		2
Grade 2 telephone box	Used as a community asset	- <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 6</i> to explore options and funding sources	32	1	4
Parish Council owns Otterriggs field	Re-instate as a community asset	- <i>Task &amp; Finish Group 7</i> to scope options to include: -Undertake Biodiversity assessment -Scope funding sources	33	2	

## Conclusion

The purpose of the feedback form was to enable residents to indicate their support, or otherwise, on a set of action points that had emerged from Great Salkeld parish questionnaire. It also aimed to help Great Salkeld Parish Council know if they had the support of the residents to the proposed action plan.

From the results above it is suggested that the Parish Council can feel confident that the residents support the Great Salkeld Community Led Parish Plan 2020-2013.

## Next steps:

- The Parish Council is asked to approve the Great Salkeld Community Led Parish Plan 2020-2023
- The Parish Council is asked to agree a suggested timeline for the action plan
- The Parish Council is asked to consider a communication strategy to ensure that residents, as well as parish councillors, are aware of what is being undertaken, by whom and how they can get involved

## Proposed Timeline 2020 -2023

### 2020

#### November – December

Prioritise actions and nominate PC lead person  
Agree CLPP to be a quarterly standing PC agenda item  
Publish action plan  
Advertise for volunteers for Task & Finish Groups  
Established Task & Finish Group 5: Good Neighbour scheme or similar

### 2021

#### January – March

Establish Task & Finish Group 3: Speed control measures, include Speedwatch volunteers  
Establish Task & Finish Group 7: Otteriggs field development, consider Environmental Group  
Consult with residents on street lighting

#### April – June

Establish Task & Finish Group 1: Improved internet experience  
Establish Task & Finish Group 6: scope residents' wishes for telephone box

#### July – September

Establish Task & Finish Group 4: Waymarking  
Establish Task & Finish Group 2: Village Design Statement

#### October – December

Review and report progress and outcomes to residents over 2020 -2021 – hopefully by public meeting

### 2022

#### January – March

Establish Task & Finish Group 6 scope residents wishes for telephone box

#### April – June

#### July – September

#### October – December

Review and report progress and outcomes to residents over 2021 -2022 – hopefully by public meeting

### 2023

#### January – March

#### April – June

Review and report progress, outcomes & future plans to residents over 2022 -2023 – hopefully by public meeting