

**East Hagbourne Parish Council Community Project Planning, 2020.**

This table outlines and evaluates and builds on the community needs identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and elsewhere.

It builds on the Action Plan developed in the East Hagbourne Parish Plan 2012-2015

**It is intended as a planning document to help define EHPC projects and objectives for the future.**

**18 September 2020**

**Status codes**

Implement	For EHPC Action
Evaluate	Decide which projects to pursue
Hold	We are interested, but not ready to proceed
Monitor/Watching Brief	Be ready if action is needed
Do not action	No EHPC action proposed
Existing situation is optimum	

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<b>1. EHNP Strategy C1. Medical Services</b> East Hagbourne has no medical facilities within the parish	Explore the feasibility of improving local access to medical services for those living in East Hagbourne.	This remains a long term objective. The trend at present is for consolidation into central locations.	Provision of a surgery in East Hagbourne seems a very remote possibility at present. However, developments in health care should be monitored.	NO ACTION		
<b>2. EHNP Strategy C2 - Village Shop</b> East Hagbourne only has a single shop, including post office, in small premises with limited parking	Investigate the feasibility of growing the village shop whilst maintaining a Post Office service, to better serve the village into the future.	This remains a long-term objective. The Shop Committee currently advises against a change of premises.	Establish a dialogue with the Shop Committee on the future of the shop/post office. Opportunities and needs should be monitored into the future, supporting the needs of the shop committee.	DISCUSS WITH SHOP COMMITTEE	Discussion arranged for 4Q20	dir/isd
<b>3. EHNP Strategy C3 - Community Activities and Facilities</b>						
<b>3.1. EXISTING FACILITIES</b> Review how community activities are supported by the existing facilities and how these might be improved.	An overarching action is to be alert to and resist any initiative that could cause damage to or loss of these facilities.	Watching brief	High chance of success	MAINTAIN WATCHING BRIEF		
<b>(a) Hagbourne Village Hall (shared with West Hagbourne)</b> <i>NOTE: HVH is owned and managed by an independent charity body</i>	Review HVH strategic plan and identify any areas where we could support			DISCUSS WITH HVH COMMITTEE	HVH Committee is currently preparing a strategic plan. No clear actions identified so far	
<b>(b) East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground (owned by EHPC)</b> Suggestions for picnic tables and further play/fitness equipment for the Recreation Ground.	Consider suggestions and prepare a more detailed proposal.	The Recreation Ground and Pavilion are managed by the East Hagbourne Sport & Recreation Committee. Normal expenditure is funded out of revenue. A PC grant would only be needed in the event of an agreed large project.	Opportunity to provide a facility for older children. Available space is likely to be the primary constraint, although just a few play items may be needed. Equipment would need to be robust. Picnic tables should not intrude on the main sport & recreation function of the area. Litter is already a problem.	EVALUATE	HU/FC asked to comment on space and run-off area required around the pitch. Alternative locations suggested: Butts Piece (possible), M&M development (unlikely)	
<b>(c) The Community Shop/Post Office</b>	See section 2.					

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<b>(d) The Fleur-de-Lys Public House</b>	Maintain liaison. Be alert to any threats to the facility.					
<b>(e) Butts Piece (leased by EHPC, owned by Hagbourne Parochial Charities)</b>	Suggestion for picnic tables at Butts Piece	Consider proposal				
Suggestion to open up the wild area for use by the School for outdoor lessons	Discuss level of interest with School and Pre-School & effort needed with Hagbourne Environment Group.	Effort needed to clear the site and then maintain. Could consider paid grass cutting. Initial work could be by volunteers; contractors possible, but more costly.	Will not be successful without substantial input from volunteers. Policing probably necessary to keep site clean.	EVALUATE	Needs costing and discussion on location, implications for general use of the area, and agreement of Charities.	
Allotment improvements	Consider a small wildlife area, and maybe a pond, to attract bees, frogs etc. Maybe some rabbit-proofing to the perimeter fence.		Depends on involvement/commitment of the Allotment holders and committee. Note that this is not a publicly accessible space, so any PC contribution should be considered in that light, although PC recovers rent from allotment holders.	HOLD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	Needs discussion with Hagbourne school/pre-school. Wait until the time is right. Could incur cost if volunteers not available to maintain. Concern about cleanliness/dog fouling.	
Long Term future of Butts Piece	Consider what happens when the current lease expires in 2028			EVALUATE	Needs a proposal from the Allotments Committee and a commitment from them to maintain any special area.	
<b>(f) Hagbourne Church of England Primary School</b>	Consider what happens when the current lease expires in 2028			EVALUATE	Butts Piece is an asset of great value to the community. It is protected in the EHNP as a Local Green Space. Longer term future should be discussed with the Charities.	
<b>(g) St Andrew's Church</b>	Consider keeping closer liaison with the School, if they are interested.			DISCUSS WITH SCHOOL	Worth an initial discussion or email to see if they are interested in keeping in contact, and any ideas wethey have.	
<b>(h) The (new) Cemetery (managed by EHPC and WHPC)</b>	Maintain liaison to understand needs and common interests.			DISCUSS WITH PCC	Initial contact to see if they are interested.	
	Proposal from HEG to manage the cedars by keeping some as standing dead wood for wildlife habitat. PCC (who own the adjoining 'old' cemetery) concerned about overhanging trees.	Details need discussion between HEG, PCC and Cemetery Committee.		CEMETERY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE	Scale of work and cost to maintain trees needs to be quantified.	
<b>(i) Hagbourne Bowls Club</b>	Maintain liaison			WATCHING BRIEF	Ask for any input they may have.	

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<b>3.2. New Activities/Proposals</b>						
<b>(a) Community/homeworkers Hub</b> The concept of a village or homeworkers' hub was mentioned by a few people in the NP community survey.	Evaluate the need in more detail	The concept and need is not well-defined, but fits with the idea of a café as a meeting place.	Focus on the need: this could be an activity rather than a place. If a new physical facility is considered, then thought needs to be given to the location, how many people would actually use it, what exactly would be its purpose and how would it be staffed, if needed.	NEEDS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF NEED.	Probably an idea that needs to mature over time. A topic for the ARM?	
<b>(b) Community café</b> 71 of 125 responses in the NP community survey were in favour of provision of refreshments.	Evaluate need and consider practical options.		The Fleur-de-Lys provides food and coffee and the Church has lunches or teas available on several Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year.	EVALUATE	Starting point is to clarify the need and to what extent it is addressed, or could in the future be addressed, by current providers.	
<b>(c) Archives</b> The village archives are stored in HVH. The archive group is dormant and the storage space is limited. The future of the archives needs to be considered.	(a) Discuss interest in the village to maintain the archives more actively and reinvigorate the Archive Group. (b) Consider future storage needs and how they might be met.	Physical storage is in short supply. The material we have is not well-indexed.	Progress depends on finding interested volunteers.	PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTEREST	Progress depends on interested volunteers	
<b>4. EHNP Strategy C4 - Volunteers</b> Preserve and enhance the volunteer ethos that animates our vibrant village	EHPC to reinforce the value of volunteers in our community.	An ongoing need. Finding new volunteers requires personal contact.	There are encouraging signs that a pool of community-minded people exists in all age groups.	ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY		
<b>5. EHNP Strategy C5 - Bus services</b>						
Investigate ways of maintaining and improving bus services and their use by local residents	(a) Support continuation of the 94 bus service. (b) Encourage greater use of the bus service (c) Continue support to DVTG for the Wallingford market bus	Support our PTR as needed. Encourage continued use of \$106 monies to support the service. The public seem very resistant to using the bus. The Covid emergency may deter some users. Financial support currently £350 per year. Monitor use and publicise service.	Increasing emphasis on climate change should encourage more support for public transport. Existing service highly valued by a small number of users.	SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION THROUGH OCC AND DVTG	Our public Transport Representative would appreciate some assistance. This is a topic for ongoing liaison with OCC and others as the situation evolves.	
<b>6. EHNP Strategy C6 – Transport &amp; Road Safety</b>						
This topic covers a very wide range of issues and potential actions.						
There is extensive experience from the EHPP Action Plan which provides a valuable resource.						
<b>6.1. Pavements &amp; Road condition</b>						

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The condition of pavements throughout the village needs improvement.	(a) The Parish Council is working with OCC to maintain and improve pavements within the village, concentrating on those most in need of attention.	It is possible that CIL money could be used if OCC are not able to resource necessary work.	High chance of success if EHPC are willing to commit resources. Lack of response from OCC is a barrier, because their permission is needed for any works carried out.	EVALUATE AND PRIORITISE		
	(b) A new pavement from Manor Farm Lane to the railway bridge has been proposed.	<b>See item 7 EHPP Road Safety Plan:</b> 2012 figures - OCC say a good working figure is £100/m <sup>2</sup> . Pavement should be ideally 1.5-2.0m wide (1.0m acceptable over a short distance). Additional cost if drains or other work involved. Approximate distance is 200m, so minimum cost is 200m x 1.5m x £100 ==> £30k. Some concrete shoring and rails likely needed at railway end, which would add to the cost.	Exact route needs to be considered (see APM 2012 comments), also the available width to the hedge. If cost is prohibitive, consider shorter route as far as the cemetery.	EVALUATE AND PRIORITISE	This has been extensively discussed in the past. There is interest, but the cost is high. Needs balancing against other projects. A ramp access was proposed, but this will be provided through the M&M development site close by.	Get quote from OCC
	(c) EHPC publicise our expectations to keep pavements clear of vegetation.		Will require ongoing effort.	PUBLICITY THROUGH WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER	Follow up on specific problem locations via the Clerk. See also item 3(c) - overhanging trees.	
Suggestion for a pedestrian controlled crossing of New Road to facilitate access to Great Mead and the Rec	(d) Consider New Road pedestrian crossing.	<b>See item 3 EHPP Road Safety Plan:</b> 2012 information - would need to be positioned towards Didcot to give safe vision/departure points (around 106 New Road). Cost for Zebra Crossing £20k ; Pelican Crossing £50k ; pavement costs £5.7k.	Zebra crossing allowed if 85%ile speed is less than 35mph, otherwise Pelican Crossing. Survey needed. Need has to be justified: how many people cross each hour?	NO ACTION	Cost is high. Question over whether people would use a crossing if it is remote from Great Mead. EHPC feeling is not to proceed.	
Road surface and markings require ongoing maintenance	(e) Continue liaison with OCC to repair potholes and refresh road markings where needed.			CONTINUE TO REPORT PROBLEMS TO OCC	An EHPC councillor is trained as an OCC 'super-user' which facilitates reporting and actioning problems. Road markings have recently been refreshed.	
<b>6.2. Vehicle Speed</b> Residents are concerned about vehicle speeds throughout the village.	(a) The Parish Council is working with OCC to provide a 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village.	Speed surveys have been completed. Likely to be some cost to EHPC. Awaiting OCC response.	In the EHNP, 67% of respondents said that they were concerned about the visual impact of traffic calming measures on the historic and rural nature of the village. Speed humps were not favoured by residents.	PROGRESS 20mph SPEED LIMIT FOR MAIN ROAD	Needs response from OCC	
	(b) Speed signs. The VAS on New Road seems to be a success. Consider similar signs at other village entrances.	Indicative £6k + installation/power supply - needs verification		EVALUATE AND PRIORITISE	Get latest costings	
	(c) Village entry gates. The Parish Council is close to installing village entry "gates" to act as a visual reminder for motorists to limit speed.	Cost identified for New Road & Blewbury Road. Main Road to be progressed through the M&M development.		PROGRESS AGREED INSTALLATION	Needs an effort to drive through to completion - waiting for response from OCC.	

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	(d) Speed monitoring. The Parish Council has engaged in the Speedwatch campaign and some speed check sessions have already been held.	Mostly volunteer effort.	Requires on-going effort, but should be beneficial in heightening motorists' awareness of speed, so worthwhile.	CONTINUE IF THERE IS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT		
<b>6.3. Large Vehicles</b>						
Residents are concerned about road safety, damage to the historic village from vehicles, particularly along Main Road	(a) Discourage large freight vehicles from unnecessarily using Main Road. Consider clearly signed weight restrictions on the approaches to the village in co-operation with Oxfordshire County Council.			DISCUSS WITH OCC	OCC have previously not supported a weight restriction through the village.	
Agricultural vehicles are recognised as a necessary part of our county environment, but there are concerns about vehicle size, speed and falling straw.	(b) Open and maintain a dialogue with local farmers on vehicle routes and driver behaviour  (c) Take action to cut back overhanging trees where these interact with vehicle loads, particularly straw.	Personal effort only  Clearly needed on who is responsible (OCC, property owners) then discuss how to get action.	The increasing size of farm vehicles probably cannot be reversed. However considerable driving can be encouraged. The local NFU provide a good avenue for dialogue.  EHPC should first of all clearly publicise their position and expectations. Progress probably depends on the level of support from OCC.	DISCUSS  DISCUSS WITH OCC FIRST	Make part of discussion via NFU in conjunction with environmental questions.  This has been a matter of concern for the community and also for farmers.	
<b>6.4. Lower Cross</b>						
This topic was extensively evaluated in the EHPP - refer to the EHPP Action Plan for details						
There is long-standing concern about road safety at Lower Cross, particularly the lack of vision for southbound traffic turning from New Road into Main Road	(a) Some actions have already been undertaken  (i) New pavement installed from Lower Cross to Great Mead to improve pedestrian safety  (ii) Give Way signing improved for traffic approaching New/Blewbury roads from Main Road  (iii) Hedge cut back on corner of New/Blewbury Roads to improve traffic vision  (b) Explore whether mirrors could contribute to increased safety.  (c) Road markings and surface [cf 6.1(e)].			DONE DONE DONE EVALUATE, DISCUSS WITH OCC DISCUSS WITH OCC	Ongoing maintenance needed.  Road markings have recently been refreshed.	
<b>6.5. Parking on Roads and Pavements</b>						
There is concern about vehicles parking on-road in some parts of the village	(a) Discuss traffic management with the School and Pre-School.  (b) Identify other roads in the village where on-road parking is a problem.	Initially, only discussion time.	There is a large peak of vehicles at school starting/finishing times.  Some older properties do not have off-road parking, so some parking in the road is unavoidable. This can in some cases act as traffic calming, but can also obstruct free movement.	DISCUSS WITH SCHOOL  GATHER INFORMATION AND PRIORITISE LOCATIONS	Government is consulting on a national programme to discourage pavement parking, which may help our situation. Enforcement is an ongoing requirement.	

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There is concern about vehicles parking on pavements, blocking safe passage for pedestrians, pushchairs and mobility vehicles.	(c) Increase efforts to prevent parking on pavements	Mainly personal effort/publicity, including putting notices on badly parked cars.	Many people understand our message, others do not and those outside the village often have no understanding - publicity and enforcement are the issues.	MAKE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF OUR EXPECTATIONS AND PUBLICISE	Unless everyone within and outside the community is aware that parking on pavements is not acceptable, it will continue.	
<b>6.6. Encourage Cycling</b>						
We have some valuable safe cycle routes including the SUSTANS route, but many roads within the parish are less suitable for cycling, because of the hazards posed by traffic, parked vehicles and potholes.	(a) Encourage more cycling through improvements to roads and cycleways where possible and to increasing publicity for safe routes.	Major changes to road systems are being considered at County/District level and will be costly. We should engage with these efforts.	More effective repair of potholes would be a relatively easy step to take if OCC are able. More extensive changes are probably outside our Parish capability. We should ensure that any changes to encourage cycling do not harm pedestrian safety.	ENGAGE WITH WIDER EFFORTS TO FACILITATE CYCLING		
<b>7. EHNP Strategy C7 - Increase the number of parking spaces around the village hall and school</b>						
The Village Car Park, situated behind Hagbourne Village Hall and owned by the Parish Council is used extensively by HVH users, School and Pre-school staff, and by parents at start/finish times, when it becomes severely overloaded.	(a) Extend the car park capacity by 20 places (from 54 to 74)	This extension in capacity is already agreed and the cost will be met by the builders of the new homes adjacent to the site.	The increase in car park spaces is welcome, but will not avoid the overcrowding that occurs at school times.	WORK WITH M&M TO DELIVER THE INCREASED SPACES.	provision of additional spaces agreed, needs stewarding to completion.	
	(b) discuss alternative parking/mitigation measures with School and Pre-School			DISCUSS		
<b>8. EHNP Strategy C8 - ensure high speed broadband is available to all areas of the village.</b>						
Access to high speed internet connection is becoming increasingly important for both business and home users. Some areas of the village suffer poor connections and expectations/needs are increasing over time.	Study broadband performance across the village and identify areas that experience poor connections. EHPC role probably advice and support.	Users in the Manor Farm Lane area have recently secured an improved service. They were able to secure grants to cover the cost.	This is a rapidly changing area. There will undoubtedly be competition for services in the future, so having a good knowledge of our needs and aspirations will be valuable.	GATHER KNOWLEDGE, QUANTIFY NEED AND IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.	Understand longer term needs & what impact 5G will have. A community champion is needed to make progress. Outlying areas including Fieldside, Coscote and Hagbourne Mill are interested in better service.	
<b>9. Environment and wildlife</b>						
Policy E2 of the EHNP aims to protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment. Many village residents as well as SODC have expressed a desire						
<b>9.1. Wildlife and natural environment</b>						
Reinvigorate HEG	(a) Reinvigorate Hagbourne Environment Group, through the new HUGS group, as a volunteer base to care for our natural places.	The group has become less active and needs new, younger, volunteers to sustain its efforts. The new HUGS group, with its wider remit is a welcome development and could help reinvigorate activities.	Specific actions should be guided by HEG/HUGS, however EHPC can give support and perhaps funding including defining our environmental objectives.	WORK WITH HEG/HUGS TO REINVIGORATE		
Conserve and enhance our existing wildlife assets.	(b) Identify those areas of the parish that are most valuable for wildlife.	Low cost, will provide a valuable resource for deciding further actions		DRAFTED	A review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been prepared (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf).	

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	(c) Identify those areas of the parish that contribute to the open nature with expansive view that reflect the historical character of our Parish.	Low cost, will provide a valuable resource for deciding further actions	Included in the EHNP, supported by landscape studies, so carries some weight.	DRAFTED	A review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been prepared (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf).	
	(d) Maintain existing hedges in our control and consider new actions to enhance wildlife and biodiversity.	The hedge along Great Mead is in need of some management. HEG have been involved in maintaining Dicot Millennium Wood.	Success depends on sufficient volunteers for HEG.	CONSIDER ACTIONS WITH HEG/HUGS		
	(d) Establish a closer relationship with local farmers via NFU to understand their perspective on community matters including wildlife, footpaths.	Farmland provides much of the rural character of our parish. Agri-environment schemes provide opportunities for farmers to contribute to environmental objectives.	Opportunity for closer relationship with the farming community	ACTION WITH HEG/HUGS		
	(e) Ensure that future planting does not impair the open countryside and wide views identified in the EHNP Character Assessment.	Requires vigilance.	The parish's open nature with expansive views reflects the historical character of the land. Trees and hedges are found principally along the watercourses and trackways.	REMAIN VIGILANT	A review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been prepared (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf).	
	<i>Specific ideas suggested include: Spring bulbs planting, planting along Moor Lane, elm replacement, orchard planting, owl boxes, planting in Millennium Wood, working with farmers for planting trees and hedges</i>					
<b>9.2. Sustainability and Climate change</b>						
	(a) encourage public transport and cycling	Covered by items 5(a),(b),(c) and 6.6		See actions above		
	(b) Consider availability of charging points for electric vehicles.	Cost likely to be substantial, but there may be support from other bodies. Location needs to have metered electricity supply.	Trend to electrification means that facilities might be needed in future. Needs liaison with other bodies pursuing this objective.	MONITOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS	EHPC discussion considered that the specific purpose needs to be defined. Residents should use home charging; not clear we should provide for visitors; cost likely high; there is more than one charging standard; charges to users need to be considered. The transition to electric vehicles is just starting and the way forward is not yet clear.	
	(c) Consider limited tree planting as a contribution to carbon capture.	The built area of East Hagbourne is fairly well supplied with trees. Other trees and hedges are found principally along the watercourses and trackways. Some opportunities for infill exist without impairing the generally open nature of the countryside.	Local tree planting can offset only a very small amount of our GHG emissions. However, trees also enhance our public amenity and help wildlife, so selected and sympathetic plantings can have multiple benefits. Choice of species and locations should be sensitive to the historic landscape of the village as outlined in the EHNP Character Assessment.	CONSIDER IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF BIODIVERSITY & LANDSCAPE	This is briefly reviewed in the review of key wildlife sites and open landscape (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf). Tree planting can make a positive, but small, contribution to GHG emission reduction. Consideration needs to be given to the wider issues of biodiversity and landscape.	
<b>10. Village Improvements (Village Sparkle)</b>						
Our village needs some loving care to look its best.	Some of the actions elsewhere in this plan contribute to this objective.					
<b>10.1. Maintenance &amp; Improvement projects</b>						

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	(a) Continue smartening benches around the village (b) Consider proposal for a village map board as a guide for visitors.	EHPC has approved a second phase, to refurbish wooden benches where they need it. Needs costing. Suitable location needs to be found.		PROGRESS	Good progress already achieved. A visible and significant contribution to village appearance.	
	(c) Improve footpath surface at Bowls Club and HVH.	Needs costing depending on whether volunteer labour is available.		EVALUATE	Need to think who would use it. Has not gained wide support in EHPC.	
				CONSIDER BEST WAY TO PROCEED	Proposed volunteer effort on hold due to Covid19. Evaluate in the context of overall footpath network	
<b>10.2. Strategic Projects</b>						
East Hagbourne is physically constrained and would benefit from more land for community use.	(a) Consider whether suitable land in the village could be purchased to expand community facilities. (b) Consider what such land could be used for.	Considerable. Would require use of CIL money.	Use would need to meet the criteria of a community mandate and demonstrated need - for more than just a few people and build on NP requirements.	EVALUATE	Related topics: 2.2(a/b) new proposals; 3.1(e) Butts Piece; 7 Parking; 9 Biodiversity & landscape; Protect village character.	
Move overhead cables underground in the heart of the Conservation Area.	The SODC Character Study of 2000 mentioned that some cables had been buried in the area near the Church and recommended that this be extended to other areas of Main Road.	Cost is likely to be substantial, although we may get help from other bodies. Needs exploring		EVALUATE		
Consider whether extensions to HVH or EHP are needed	Linked to Issue 3.	Cost could exceed our resources and need grant support. HVH structure/space may limit options.	Feasible, provided we have a defined need.	HOLD PENDING IDENTIFIED NEED	Related topics: 2 (Shop) ; 3.2 (Hub/café, Archives)	