

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

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| 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 specific EHPC action proposed |

Existing situation is optimum or tasks completed

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| 1. EHNP Strategy C1 - Medical Services 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. | MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS | Provision of medical services is gaining attention as Didcot expands. Monitor developments | |
| 2. EHNP Strategy C2 - Village Shop 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. | NO ACTION NEEDED | Discussion initiated 4Q20, however the Shop Committee have not come forward with any proposals for change and seem happy with the current arrangements. | |
| 3. EHNP Strategy C3 - Community Activities and Facilities | | | | | | |
| 3.1. EXISTING FACILITIES 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 | | |
| (a) Hagbourne Village Hall (shared with West Hagbourne) <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 | | | NO EHPC ACTIONS IDENTIFIED | HVH Committee has reviewed it's strategic plans. No actions identified needing support at this stage. | |
| (b) East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground (owned by EHPC) 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. | MONITOR | Picnic tables have been installed at Butts Piece. The Recreation Ground is well used by informal groups. There have been issues of disorderly behaviour. | |
| (c) The Community Shop/Post Office | See section 2. | | | | | |
| (d) The Fleur-de-Lys Public House | | | | | | |

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| | Maintain liaison. Be alert to any threats to the facility. | | | MAINTAIN WATCHING BRIEF | The Fleur is included as a community facility in Policy VC2 of the EHNP. It could be eligible to be designated as an Asset of Community Value. However, this should only be considered if the operation comes under threat. | |
| (e) Butts Piece (leased by EHPC, owned by Hagbourne Parochial Charities) | | | | | | |
| 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; contractor's possible, but more costly. | Will not be successful without substantial input from volunteers. Policing probably necessary to keep site clean. | DONE | With the agreement of Charities, two picnic tables have been installed. A bench and a litter bin have also been installed, with agreement, on adjoining SODC land. | |
| 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 | Under evaluation. Perhaps better sited next to the watercourse. Practicalities of excavation and maintenance need to be considered. | |
| | | | | HOLD FOR FUTURE ACTION (2025) | Butts Piece is an asset of great value to the community. It is protected in the EHNP as a Local Green Space. EHPC intends to discuss longer term future with the Charities closer to lease expiry. | |
| (f) Hagbourne Church of England Primary School | | | | | | |
| | Consider keeping closer liaison with the School, if they are interested. | | | DISCUSS WITH SCHOOL | Discussion delayed by Covid. Make contact to see if they are interested in keeping in contact, and any ideas we/they have. | |
| (g) St Andrew's Church | Maintain liaison to understand needs and common interests. | | | DISCUSS WITH PCC | Initial contact to see if they are interested. | |
| (h) The (new) Cemetery (managed by EHPC and WHPC) | | | | | | |
| | 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 PROGRESSING | BCG will provide a quote to maintain trees in the Council cemetery and those owned by the PCC. Conifers seem robust and not in danger of falling. One ash tree has been removed because of dieback and others will have to go, opening possibilities for some new planting. | |
| (i) Hagbourne Bowls Club | | | | | | |
| | Maintain liaison | | | WATCHING BRIEF | Ask for any input they may have. | |
| 3.2. New Activities/Proposals | | | | | | |
| (a) Community/homeworkers Hub | | | | | | |

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| 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 APM. | |
| (b) Community café 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 post-Covid and to what extent it is addressed, or could in the future be addressed, by current providers. A topic for the APM. | |
| (c) Archives 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. | KEEP ARCHIVES SAFE. PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTEREST | There has been little interest expressed in reactivating the committee. The positive side is that the archives are secure in their storage at HVH, although space is constrained. | |
| 4. EHNP Strategy C4 - Volunteers 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 | An ongoing activity. Covid showed that there are many people who are willing to help. | |
| 5. EHNP Strategy C5 - Bus services 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 5106 monies to support the service. The public seem very resistant to using the bus. The Covid emergency has deterred 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. The situation is evolving with the growth of Didcot and promotion of sustainable transport, but public confidence will take time to recover after Covid. The reinstatement of the Wallingford bus depends on demand. | |
| 6. EHNP Strategy C6 – Transport & Road Safety This topic covers a very wide range of issues and potential actions. There is extensive experience from the EHPC Action Plan which provides a valuable resource. | | | | | | |
| 6.1. Pavements & Road condition 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 CLC 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 | Covid has disrupted progress, but lack of engagement from OCC is also preventing progress. Continued effort needed as we recover from Covid. Priorities should be discussed in APM | |

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| | (b) A new pavement from Manor Farm Lane to the railway bridge has been proposed. | See item 7 EHPP Road Safety Plan: 2012 figures - OCC say a good working figure is £100/m ² . 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. OCC have not so far come up with detailed costing. Priority should be discussed in APM. | |
| | (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. This is an ongoing challenge, which has been complicated by the push towards rewilding in some areas of the village. | |
| Suggestion for a pedestrian controlled crossing of New Road to facilitate access to Great Mead and the Rec | (d) Consider New Road pedestrian crossing. | See item 3 EHPP Road Safety Plan: 2012 information - would need to be positioned towards Diddcot to give safe vision/departure points (around 106 New Road). Cost for Zebra Crossing £20k ; Pelican Crossing £60k ; 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 and potholes repaired. | |
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| 6.2. Vehicle Speed 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. (b) Speed signs. The VAS on New Road seems to be a success. Consider similar signs at other village entrances. (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. (d) Speed monitoring. The Parish Council has engaged in the Speedwatch campaign and some speed check sessions have already been held. | Speed surveys have been completed. Likely to be some cost to EHPC. Awaiting OCC response. Indicative £6k + installation/power supply - needs verification Cost identified for New Road & Blewbury Road. Main Road to be progressed through the M&M development. Mostly volunteer effort. | 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 MONITOR DONE IN PROGRESS SPEEDWATCH REACTIVATED 4Q2021, MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | OCC has not progressed our proposal, but is working on a new county-wide scheme for 20mph limits in residential streets. EHPC is actively working with OCC on this. Effort has been focussed instead on speed monitoring (see (d)). Gates installed at New Road and Blewbury Road. Main Road to be progressed in conjunction with Deanfield development. New and more accurate measuring equipment has been ordered. | |
| 6.3. Large Vehicles | | | | | | |

OCC INPUT NEEDED BEFORE APM

APM discussion needed to resolve tidiness/wilding priorities

Needs OCC response

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| 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. Outstanding action, needs OCC response. | |
| Agricultural vehicles are recognised as a necessary part of our country 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 | The increasing size of farm vehicles probably cannot be reversed. However, considerate 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 WITH OCC FIRST | Make part of discussion via NFU in conjunction with environmental questions. General contact with local farmers made, but no discussion as yet. This has been a matter of concern for the community and also for farmers. | |
| 6.4. Lower Cross | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | DONE REQUIRES ACTION | Downgraded from 'DONE', pavement is unusable Aug 2021 because of overhanging vegetation. EHPC pursuing. | |
| | (b) Explore whether mirrors could contribute to increased safety. (c) Road markings and surface [cf 6.1(e)]. | OCC are in favour of improving sight lines where possible - discussion with them is needed on mirrors or other approaches. | OCC did not support mirrors in the EHPP discussion - needs on-going effort. | EVALUATE, DISCUSS WITH OCC | Road markings have recently been refreshed and potholes repaired. | |
| 6.5. Parking on Roads and Pavements | | | | | | |
| 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. | DISCUSS WITH SCHOOL | Progress once Covid allows | |
| 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. | 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 tree movement. 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 | Government has consulted on a national programme to discourage pavement parking, which may help our situation - but no signs of action. Enforcement is an ongoing requirement. Unless everyone within and outside the community is aware that parking on pavements is not acceptable, it will continue. | |
| 6.6. Encourage Cycling | | | | | | |

OCC guidance outstanding

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EHPC and householder action

OCC input needed

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| We have some valuable safe cycle routes including the SUSTFRANS 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 to increasing publicly 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. We should encourage cycling to encourage cycling do not harm pedestrian safety. | 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 | National and local initiatives under way to improve cycling facilities. Look for opportunities to contribute. Fixing potholes would encourage cyclists to keep off pavements. | |
| 7. EHNP Strategy C7 - Increase the number of parking spaces around the village hall and school | | | | | | |
| 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 DEANFIELD TO DELIVER THE INCREASED SPACES. | The provision of additional spaces is agreed, needs stewarding to completion. | |
| | (b) discuss alternative parking/mitigation measures with School and Pre-School | | | DISCUSS | Discuss when Covid allows | |
| 8. EHNP Strategy C8 - ensure high speed broadband is available to all areas of the village. | | | | | | |
| 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 and there may be wider moves towards full fibre service. | |
| 9. Environment and wildlife | | | | | | |
| Policy E2 of the EHNP aims to protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment. | | | | | | |
| 9.1. Wildlife and natural environment | | | | | | |
| Reinvigorate HEG | (a) Reinvigorate Hagbourne Environment Group, through the new Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability (HUGS) group, as a volunteer base to care for our natural places. | 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. | HUGS IS NOW UP AND RUNNING | HUGS is established and engaged in a number of activities around the village including owl boxes, garden competition, wildflower/insect areas at Butts Place. Initiative to encourage leaving grass to grow needs balancing with village tidiness objectives. | |
| 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 | | DONE | A review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been prepared (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf). | |
| | (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. | DONE | A review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been prepared (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf). The EHNP report is also a valuable resource. | |
| | (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 Didcot Millennium Wood. | Success depends on sufficient volunteers for HEG. | FP18/16/10 LOOP | HUGS is maintaining in conjunction with BGG and making new plantings where needed. | |
| | | | | CONSIDER FURTHER ACTIONS WITH HEG/HUGS | Although initial objectives have been met, there is much more that could be done. To be discussed | |

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| | (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 | REVIEW OF WILDLIFE SITES AND LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH FARMERS | The survey document (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf) has been shared with local farmers - no specific feedback so far. | |
| | (e) Ensure that future planting does not impair the open countryside and wide views identified in the EHNP Character Assessment. | There is a national move towards tree planting, but our parish is characterised by wide spaces, which we would not want to see broken up. Locations for tree planting need to be chosen with sensitivity. | 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. | LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE REMAIN VIGILANT | Not clear how to proceed Review of key wildlife sites and open landscape has been circulated and NP landscape objectives also shared with one land owner. | |
| 9.2. Sustainability and Climate change | (a) encourage public transport and cycling (b) Consider availability of charging points for electric vehicles. | Covered by Items 5(a),(b),(c) and 6.6 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. | See actions above 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, changes to users need to be considered. The transition to electric vehicles is progressing, but no clear case for us to provide public charging. | |
| | (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 | Trees in the wrong place can be harmful to the overall environment - consideration needs to be given to the wider issues of biodiversity and landscape. The review of key wildlife sites and open landscape (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf) touches on the topic. Tree planting can make a positive, but small, contribution to GHG emission reduction. NP perspective has been shared with one critical land owner. Proposals for tree planting need to be carefully considered. | |
| 10. Village Improvements (Village Sparkle) | Our village needs some loving care to look its best. | Some of the actions elsewhere in this plan contribute to this objective. | | | | |
| 10.1. Maintenance & Improvement projects | (a) Continue smartening benches around the village | EHPC has approved a second phase, to refurbish wooden benches where they need it. | | DONE | Village benches refurbished - a visible and significant contribution to village appearance. In addition, art benches along the railway embankment (across 3 parishes) have been refurbished. | |
| | (b) Consider proposal for a village map board as a guide for visitors. | Needs costing. Suitable location needs to be found. | | HOLDEVALUATE | Need to think who would use it. Has not gained wide support in EHPC. | |
| | (c) Improve footpath surface at Bowls Club and H/HI. | Needs costing depending on whether volunteer labour is available. | | CONSIDER BEST WAY TO PROCEED | Proposed volunteer effort on hold due to Covid19. Evaluate in the context of overall footpath network. | |

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| 10.2. Strategic Projects | | | | | | |
| 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. | Considerable. Would require use of CIL money. | | | Related topics: 2,2(a/b) new proposal; 3,1(e) Burts Piece; 7 Parking; 9 Biodiversity & landscape. Protect village character. EHPC discussion did not identify any areas for immediate action. Keep under review. | |
| | (b) Consider what such land could be used for. | | 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. | HOLD | | |
| 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 | | | No progress has been made on this discussion so far. Priority needs to be established | |
| 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. | NO ACTION | Related topics: 2 (Shop); 3.2 (Hub/café, Archives) Discussions with HVH and Shop committees have not identified any specific new needs. EHP operation is stable - current facilities appropriate. | |

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