



# **Stoke St Mary**

## **Parish Plan**

**Update Jan 2008**

## Action Plan

### HOUSING

ACTION	LEAD	Update
Request early notification of any large scale residential development proposals from Planning Authority and respond accordingly.	Parish Council	Request made and accepted by Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC).
Create a Parish Design Statement to which all future residential development should conform.	Parish Council Mike Newport	About to commence.
Assess the possibility of existing parishioners having preferred occupancy for the elderly person bungalows.	Parish Council	Agreed by TDBC

### ENVIRONMENT

ACTION	LEAD	Update
Explore the feasibility of extending the mains drainage system.	Parish Council Derek Parsons	Initial contact made.
Resolve existing (2005) problems with surfaces, flooding, gates and styles.	Parish Council	Completed
Improve existing footpaths and bridleways to enable year round use of the network with easy access.	Richard Pearse	Portfolio Holder allocated
Monitor ongoing condition and ensure any remedial action is undertaken.	Richard Pearse	Monitored by Portfolio Holder

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<p>Consider possible sites for additional tree planting on private, Parish and Highway land.</p> <p>Enhance existing wildlife habitats and create new sites as opportunities arise.</p>	<p>Derek Parsons</p> <p>Derek Parsons</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder allocated</p> <p>Portfolio Holder allocated</p>
<p>Explore opportunities for extending recycling facilities.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Taunton Deane Borough Council about to extend the recycling scheme to include plastic and card.</p>
<p>Explore the opportunities available for composting and report to a future Parish Meeting on the location, operation and ownership of the process.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Derek Parsons</p>	<p>Portfolio holder allocated</p>
<p>Establish the possibility of replacing overhead cables with underground.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Derek Parsons</p>	<p>Initial contact made.</p>
<p>Monitor and review the adequacy of existing road drainage system and its maintenance.</p> <p>Identify strategy for achieving long term improvements to the system.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Improvements made outside Chapel as part of the re-alignment of the junction.</p>
<p>Inspect watercourses and ensure that a programme of maintenance is achieved.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Responsibility of landowners. Monitored by Parish Council.</p>

ACTION	LEAD	Update
<p>Instigate ongoing monitoring of untidy/ unkempt areas of land and take appropriate action where applicable.</p> <p>Notices requesting all dog owners to ensure that their dog does not contribute to this problem.</p> <p>Consideration be given to a regular community “tidy up” project.</p>	Parish Council	<p>Notices prominently displayed</p> <p>Volunteers sought</p>
<p>Monitor proposals for new roads, housing, industrial development or other infrastructure developments (e.g. mobile phone masts, wind turbines) that may have significant adverse impact on the Parish.</p> <p>Organise appropriate and effective consultation.</p> <p>Ensure robust response is provided.</p>	Parish Council	Being monitored on an ongoing basis.

### TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

ACTION	LEAD	Update
<p>Monitor condition of roads and ensure appropriate remedial action is undertaken.</p> <p>Review applicability and appropriateness of signage.</p>	Parish Council Vic Freir	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Road condition and signage improvements made</p>

ACTION	LEAD	Update
<p>Explore the possibilities for reducing speed of traffic.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities for the enforcement of speed limits.</p>	<p>Parish Council Steve Burgess</p> <p>Steve Burgess</p>	<p>New road layout in Village has reduced speed of traffic in that area</p>
<p>Explore possibility of extending the bus service.</p> <p>Promote Community Transport.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Slinky bus introduced</p>
<p>Continue to monitor emerging proposals relating to the A358 and respond accordingly.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Consultation period now closed. Awaiting response from Highways Agency. Dependency on Stonehenge upgrade – now being postponed due to funding issues</p>
<p>Explore opportunities for creating new cycle/footpaths (particularly: Taunton to Stoke St Mary village, Village to Thurlbear, Taunton to Broughton Park).</p> <p>Monitor and report on condition of existing routes.</p>	<p>Parish Council Vic Freir</p>	<p>Unable to identify any grant availability. Continuing to monitor.</p>

### COMMUNITY

ACTION	LEAD	Update
<p>Explore options for increasing the community use of the Village Hall.</p>	<p>Village Hall Committee.</p>	<p>Village Hall Committee are now running regular social events</p>

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Explore opportunity to refurbish the Village Hall including the external lighting.	Village Hall Committee.	Extensive refurbishment undertaken by Village Hall Committee
Investigate the feasibility of providing additional leisure facilities.  Investigate potential funding opportunities for identified projects.	Parish Council David Fothergill	
Investigate ways to improve Policing in the Parish.  Express written concern to the Chief Constable regarding dissatisfaction in the level of Policing.  Lobby the County Council for assistance in achieving more Policing.	Parish Council Steve Burgess	Parish Council continues to lobby for more visible policing.
Establish a community projects leader.  Identify and undertake suitable projects including social events.	Parish Council	Volunteers sought.  Considerable increase in village social events. Prospect of a weekend of events being reviewed by Millennium Committee linked to PCC agreement to install final Reyntiens window.
Investigate funding, frequency, uptake and production of a newsletter.	Parish Council	About to commence

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More widespread and timely publication of meeting dates and minutes.	Parish Council	<p>Dates of meetings and Agendas are published on <a href="http://www.stokestmary.net">www.stokestmary.net</a> .</p> <p>Minutes now published in Church newsletter, Gazette and on Web site.</p> <p>Offer to text, email or phone prior to PC meetings – contact David Fothergill.</p> <p>Large meeting sign erected before each PC meeting.</p>
Meet with residents outside of main village to explore opportunities for inclusion and improvement.	Parish Council	Annual Residents Meeting established