

Action Plan

The following actions, which have been categorised into 4 main areas, have been derived from the responses to the Questionnaire.

HOUSING

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
Proposals for large scale residential development should be resisted. (Also referred to in Environment Section)	Retention of the greatly valued character of the Parish and its communities.	Request early notification of any such proposals from Planning Authority and respond accordingly.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council
Minimal new housing development is required within the Parish. New buildings should conform to traditional styles, materials and scale. Proper consideration needs to be given to enhancing the infrastructure.	New development should be of a suitable scale, achieve a high standard of design and use of appropriate materials to enhance the character of the settlement.	Create a Parish Design Statement to which all future residential development should conform.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council
There is little demand for alternative housing for existing residents within the Parish in the next ten years.	Maintain adequate provision for existing residents.	Assess the possibility of existing parishioners having preferred occupancy for the elderly person bungalows.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council

ENVIRONMENT

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
Approximately 1/3rd of households are not connected to main drainage.	To maximise the number of properties who have access to the mains drainage system.	Explore the feasibility of extending the mains drainage system.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council
The areas of environmental improvement receiving the most support in the questionnaire were the improvement of existing footpaths, additional tree planting and the provision / improvement of wildlife habitats.	An enhanced environment for all those who live and work in the Parish.	<p>Resolve existing problems with footpath surfaces, flooding, gates and styles.</p> <p>Improve existing footpaths and bridleways to enable year round use of the network with easy access.</p> <p>Monitor ongoing condition and ensure any remedial action is undertaken.</p> <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>	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council

ENVIRONMENT continued

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
A satisfactory weekly refuse collection service is in operation although recycling should be extended to cover additional materials.	Extensive range of materials collected for recycling.	Explore opportunities for extending the facilities available.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council
Availability of composting facilities.	Community composting facilities to avoid unnecessary transportation of green waste.	Explore the opportunities available and report to a future Parish Meeting on the location, operation and ownership of the process.	Parish Council	To be sought
Overhead cables are considered to be visually undesirable.	Replace all overhead cables with underground supplies.	Establish the scope for this work to be undertaken.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council Western Power British Telecom
The flooding of the road between Greenway Farm and the centre of Stoke St. Mary is an intermittent but significant problem.	Surface water discharges efficiently to prevent road flooding.	Monitor and review the adequacy of existing road drainage system and its maintenance. Identify strategy for achieving long term improvements to the system	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council Wessex Water
There are serious concerns that flash flooding of roads and houses may occur because of the lack of maintenance of watercourses.	Introduction of a programme of inspection and periodic maintenance to keep watercourses unobstructed and able to receive a surface water run off in times of heavy rain.	Inspect watercourses and ensure that a programme of maintenance is achieved.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council Environment Agency
There is a lot of concern about fly tipping and the untidy / unkempt nature of some areas of land. Foul-ing is also considered to be a problem due to farms not taking due care and dogs not being under control.	A well kept village and Parish that everyone can feel proud of.	Instigate ongoing monitoring and take appropriate action where applicable. Notices requesting all dog owners to ensure that their dog does not contribute to this problem. Consideration be given to a regular community "tidy up" project.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council
Significant concern being expressed over the expansion of Taunton encroaching upon the Parish.	Retention of the existing character of the Parish and its communities.	Monitor proposals for new roads, housing, industrial development or other infrastructure development (eg mobile phone masts, wind turbines) that may have significant adverse impact on the Parish. Organise effective consultation.	Parish Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
Poor road condition and signage throughout Parish	A safe road network	Monitor condition of roads and ensure appropriate remedial action is undertaken. Review applicability and appropriateness of signage.	Parish Council	Somerset County Council.
Significant concern over the speed of traffic. Some concern related to school traffic and heavy goods Vehicles.	To have safe roads and minimised risk of accidents to all users.	Explore the possibilities for reducing speed of traffic. Investigate opportunities for the enforcement of speed limits.	Parish Council	Somerset County Council Police
Low satisfaction with the bus service.	To have a transport system that meets Parishioners needs.	Explore possibility of extending the bus service. Promote community transport.	Parish Council	Somerset County Council Bus Companies Community Transport.
Significant concern over proposed changes to the A358	A new road that has minimal impact upon the Parish.	Continue to monitor emerging proposals and respond accordingly.	Parish Council	Highways Agency Somerset County Council
Inadequacy of footpaths and cycle-ways and poor maintenance of existing routes.	A safer means for people and children to walk / cycle.	Explore opportunities for creating new cycle / footpaths (particularly: Taunton to Stoke St. Mary village, Village to Thurlbear, Taunton to Broughton Park). Monitor and report on condition of existing routes.	Parish Council	Somerset County Council

COMMUNITY

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
Low level of usage of Village Hall by Parishioners.	A more vibrant facility for greater community use.	Explore options for increasing the community use of the facility.	Village Hall Cttee.	Parish Council Millennium Committee Village Hall Users.
Poor condition of Village Hall and the need for improvements in external lighting.	To have a good quality facility that is widely used by the community.	Explore opportunity to refurbish the facility including the external lighting.	Village Hall Cttee.	Parish Council Millennium Committee Village Hall Users.
Provision of a secular parish Newsletter.	To have a regular parish newsletter separate from the church parish magazine.	Investigate funding, frequency, uptake and production of a newsletter.	Parish Council	

COMMUNITY continued

ISSUE	VISION	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
Significant number of residents would like leisure facilities in the Parish	To have leisure facilities available within the Parish.	Investigate the feasibility of providing additional facilities. Investigate potential funding opportunities for identifying projects.	Parish Council	Village Hall Committee Millennium Committee
Widespread concern about crime and theft in particular.	A Community where residents feel safe from crime.	Investigate ways to improve Policing in the Parish. Express written concern to the Chief Constable.	Parish Council	Police, Somerset County Council
Dissatisfaction with the level of Policing.	A safe and secure environment with visible Policing.	Express written concern to the Chief Constable. Lobby the County Council for assistance in achieving more Policing.	Parish Council	Police, Somerset County Council.
Over 110 residents would be prepared to help with community projects and a good neighbour scheme.	To have a long-term community projects scheme.	Establish a community projects leader. Identify and undertake suitable projects including social events.	Parish Council	Millennium Committee Village Hall Committee
Low attendance at Parish Council meetings..	Greater involvement by and engagement with the community.	More widespread and timely publication of meeting dates and minutes.	Parish Council	Newsletter editor. Webmaster
Perceived exclusion of those living in settlements outside of the main village.	Equality for all.	Meet with residents outside of main village to explore opportunities for inclusion and improvement.	Parish Council	

MISCELLANEOUS

Responses to the following questions were considered inconclusive and as such do not warrant any further action.

Q10. Neighbourhood Watch	46% of households belong to the scheme.
Q37. Mobile Library	Report on satisfaction rating but no action.
Q39. Parish Council representation	Report on satisfaction rating but no action.
Q40. TDBC representation	Report on satisfaction rating but no action.
Q41. SCC representation	Report on satisfaction rating but no action.
Q42. Doctor's appointments	Report on satisfaction rating but no action.
Q44. CCTV	No action.
Q49. Use of Mobile Shop	22 residents use the shop.
Q50. Extend Mobile Shop	No action. Suggest those who did wish it to be extended contact.
Q51. Street lighting	No action
Q52. Computer training	22% of residents would be interested.
Q53. Computer user's group	22% of residents would be interested.