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**ACTION PLAN 2023 / 24**

<b>Plan Ref: 5.1</b>	<b>ROAD SAFETY</b>			
	Objective: Parking & Parking restrictions - make improvements by providing safer roads and footpaths in selected areas identified within the village			
<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>AIM</b>	<b>HOW</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>SCHEDULED DATE</b>
Hewell Road - problems with pavement parking, blocked driveways, and speeding.	i) Reduce cars parked / blocked driveways. ii) Promote speed awareness	i) Report to BDC for enforcement. ii) Issue on request wheelie bin speed awareness stickers.	i) No cost to BDC ii) £89 for pack of 100	Ongoing. When requested
Make improvements to road and footpath conditions	To provide safer roads and footpaths	Maintain pressure to improve surfaces, areas of concern are monitored and reported to the appropriate agencies.	No cost to BGPC	Ongoing
Installation and Maintenance of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs	To reduce speed from of road users	Installation through WCC following traffic calming survey.	Cost of sign WCC Battery replacement BGPC responsibility.	Fitted on Bittell Road, Fiery Hill Road & Blackwell Road. Batteries purchased from FY20.21 Budget.
<b>Plan Ref: 5.2</b>	<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>			
	Objective: To improve access at Barnt Green Station			
<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>AIM</b>	<b>HOW</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>SCHEDULED DATE</b>
Installation of elevator at the station	To improve access to each platform for wheelchair users, those with disability or mobility issues, those with prams or pushchairs.	To maintain pressure on Network Rail, Local MP and Department for Transport.	No cost to BGPC	Ongoing

Improve bus routes to and from the village.		To maintain transport links for the community promoting an environmentally sustained method of travel reducing pollution and congestion.	Work with WCC to ensure that vital routes are not cut or reduced significantly.	No cost to BGPC	Ongoing
<b>Plan Ref: 5.3</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> Objective: To improve the street scene and take a proactive approach to global environmental issues that may impact the village.				
STRATEGY		AIM	HOW	COST	SCHEDULED DATE
Installation of Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Commuter Car Park		To encourage car users to consider a greener energy source when purchasing a new vehicle.	Contract to install charging point through BDC.	No cost to BGPC. Will receive £1k annually from lease agreement.	Complete
Improve issues with litter		To keep the village looking clean and tidy.	Litter pick duties on Outdoor Parish Caretaker's schedule.	No additional cost as included in contract.	Ongoing
Planting - improve the street scene by maintaining and introducing additional pollinator sites.		Phased project in various village locations, to enhance the village and improve the street scene. Promote insect and wildlife within the village creating pollinator corridors.	Planting at the established pollinator site including annuals and perennials. Rolling out to other suitable village locations.	Grant of £3k secured for work at pollinator site. Proposed budget of £200 for 22/23.	Complete Ongoing
Improve Street scene		i) Street nameplate cleaning ii) Bus shelters cleaning iii) Maintenance of grassed areas iv) keep the village looking clean and tidy	i) Lengthsman ii) Outdoor Parish Caretaker iii) Contractor iv) Outdoor Parish Caretaker	Approved budgets for all areas covered.	Ongoing
Dog fouling		Monitor excessive fouling hot spot areas and report to Bromsgrove District Council.  Replenish dog waste bags regularly at playing field.	Outdoor Parish Caretaker	Budget area for OPC.  Annual bags cost: £300	No end date

Plan Ref: 5.4	ENGAGEMENT			
	Objective: Promotion of Council activities and past activities / Raising awareness of Barnt Green Parish Council			
STRATEGY	AIM	HOW	COST	SCHEDULED DATE
Annual Report	Provide information on the Council's past activities for the year, raising awareness of how council money is spent.	Report provided at the Annual Parish Meeting and published the website	Contained within current staff hours	Annually
Council Website	To provide information about the Council and other agencies	Inclusion of statutory and relevant documents e.g., Parish Council Agenda, minutes, policies, AGAR, approved budget etc. Regular posts of newsworthy village information, events etc.	Website annual budget £150, Content contained within staff hours.	Ongoing
STRATEGY	AIM	HOW	COST	SCHEDULED DATE
Social Media - Council Facebook page	To provide informal information about the council and other agencies	Regular posts include events, temporary road closures, residential and community information.	Content contained within staff hours	Ongoing
The Bulletin Newsletter	To report on past events, to promote the work of the council and future events, with the inclusion of editorials providing information of work from other organisations and groups.	Council content channelled from council meetings and resolutions. Other agencies and groups provide content via email. Volunteers hand deliver to every house and shop within the village and to some houses outside the parish boundary.	Annual printing cost £660	March and September
Communications with traders	Engaging with businesses to provide a better shopping experience for the community and visitors outside the parish.	Provision of the office for trader meetings should they wish, ensuring a councillor or EO attend the meeting and feedback at an appropriate council meeting.	Contained within current staff hours	Traders meetings when required.
Local clubs and voluntary groups	Maintain communications with clubs and groups and provide information to all residents.	i) Maintain a local directory of local groups and associations on the Council's website.	i) Contained within current staff hours	Ongoing

		ii) Propose inclusion of directory in parish council newsletter, The Bulletin.  iii) Events/meeting dates posters placed in village noticeboards.	ii) Would increase cost of production as would require an additional page. iii) Contained within current staff hours	
Safety and Security	Maintain awareness within the community	i) Regular reports received from West Mercia Police forwarded to councillors and placed on social media.  ii) West Mercia Police invited to report at every Parish Council Meeting.  iii) West Mercia Police hold regular drop-in sessions at the parish office.  iv) SmartWater security kits have been provided to all parish residents and traders. Residents can purchase new kits online from <a href="https://shop.smartwater.com/build-package-registration/">https://shop.smartwater.com/build-package-registration/</a>	i) – iii) No cost to BGPC       iv) Initial kits funded from 19/20 capital project expenditure	Ongoing
Grants scheme	To make groups aware of the scheme with encouragement to apply for grant funding providing financial support where needed.	Publicise through The Bulletin Newsletter and Website.	Annual budget agreed £1,500	Considered on a first come first served basis when applications are received.
Events – 1 x Community Walk followed by event in Millennium Park.	Continue to organise events to engage with all ages of the community. To promote health and wellbeing.	Organise through having systems in place and feedback on improvement from previous events.	Events budget agreed	Community Walk followed by Brass Beatz in

1 x Food Festival 1 x Community Walk Christmas Lights Switch On				Millennium Park - June 23 Food Festival – September 23 Wassail Walk – 2023 between Xmas & New Yr. Switch on – Dec 2023.
Chairman's Annual Thank you buffet		To thank volunteers and contributors to the parish for their commitment and work during the year.	Event held in Barnt Green Social Club	Budget agreed Dec 2023.
<b>Plan Ref: 5.5</b>	<b>LOCAL HEALTH &amp; WELL BEING</b> Objective: To improve the health and wellbeing of residents within the village			
STRATEGY	AIM	HOW	COST	SCHEDULED DATE
Bittell Road Playing Field	i) Encourage participation in outdoor activities.  ii) Maintenance of Outdoor Gym Equipment. iii) Improvement to drainage surrounding play equipment.	i) Maintain and improve the facilities, encouragement of health activities for the young including the Saturday Football Club – Total Football. ii) Annual RoSPA Inspection. iii) Liaison with WCC and contractor.	i) Maintenance budget agreed.  ii) Field Safety Inspection budget agreed. iii) BGMT grant.	i) Term time basis and summer school activities. ii) Ongoing. iii) 2022 to be reviewed
Millennium Park	Encourage use of the younger children's play area	Maintain facilities	Safety checks and maintenance budget agreed	Ongoing
Guided Community Walks	To promote council run events and healthy community activities	Organise events for June and December with additional activities following the walk.	Events budget agreed	June and Between Xmas & new year
Lickey Hills Walks	To promote independent walkers to the Hills	Sale of Lickey Hills walk books at the Parish Council Office.	No cost to BGPC	Ongoing

Foster a wider sense of inclusive community belonging	Giving residents a sense of place, common standards and purpose. Combatting loneliness and depression within the community.	Engaging through The Bulletin newsletter, website and social media benefit to all residents. Promotion of outside workshops and organisations.	Contained within current staff hours	ongoing
Warm Spaces	Working in collaboration with the 3 churches in Barnt Green to provide a 'Warm Space' to people during the coldest winter months for three sessions a week.	Organise and promote Warm Space events at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Barnt Green Baptist Church</li> <li>ii) Quakers friends Meeting House</li> <li>iii) St Andrews Parish Centre</li> </ul>	To provide tea/coffee and biscuits to venues if requested.	Start 4 <sup>th</sup> January until 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date Approved: 20 February 2023

Next Review: January 2024