

BOULMER REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREFERRED SOLUTIONS - PROGRESS REPORT

DATE OF REPORT – 13.11.17

Number	PREFERRED SOLUTION	PROGRESS
HOUSING		
01	This view to be reported to Northumberland Estates via the Parish Council.	A meeting is to be arranged with the Estate for discussions
02	Northumberland Estates to be asked to review its policies to retain for rental the existing stock of Estate properties in Boulmer for people in full time occupation in the area.	A meeting is to be arranged with the Estate for discussions
03	Clarify the meaning of the term 'affordable' for Boulmer.	Definition received from the County Council and being reviewed.
VILLAGE AMENITIES - RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS		
04	A second estimate could be obtained by those interested so it can be compared to the estimate from First Gas.	
05	The Parish Council to consider making available information on renewable energy systems from independent sources.	Community Action Northumberland is being asked to assist with this information.
VILLAGE AMENITIES - BROADBAND		
06	The Parish Council to lobby the County Council, Community Action Northumberland and BT Openreach to ensure that high speed broadband is to be made available to the people of Boulmer in line with the Government policy for the distribution of Broadband.	The County Council has advised that High Speed Broadband will be available in Boulmer in March 2018. A presentation by a County Council representative is to be made to the Parish Council on 20.11.17.

07	In parallel with (6) to investigate the possibility of a micro-wave Broadband system being available to the people of Boulmer should a cable based system be unavailable.	No action depending on the progress with 06 above.
VILLAGE AMENITIES – MOBILE PHONE CONNECTION		
08	The Parish Council to consider writing to these companies on behalf of residents with view to them improving their service.	Letters to be drafted to be sent by the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.
VILLAGE AMENITIES – ACCESS TO SHOPS ETC		
09	Known schemes to improve access for residents will be published in the Boulmer News Bulletin and the Parish Council web site.	Information to be issued through the Boulmer News Bulletin and published in the Parish web site eg GETABOUT – 03333 441740
EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS		
10	These views to be fed back to the Parish Council for awareness in responding to planning applications.	Noted by the Parish Council
ROADS, ROAD CONDITIONS AND ROAD SAFETY		
11	A dossier of road defects and pot holes to be compiled by the Parish Councillors for Boulmer. A request will then be made by the Parish Council to Councillor Pattison for the County Council to make good the defects.	The dossier is being compiled.
12	Publicise via the Boulmer News Bulletin and the Parish Council web site, the County Council telephone number for reporting pot holes and road defects to enable residents to make the reports themselves.	To be published in the Boulmer News Bulletin and on the Parish Council web site. The web site address is : http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/SearchResults.aspx?searchtext=Report+a+Pot+Hole&searchmode=anyword
13	Although the Highways Act does not place a duty on the Northumberland County Council to provide street	The inadequacy of street lighting on Beach View has been brought to the attention of Councillor Wendy Pattison.

	lighting, the Parish Council should liaise with Councillor Pattison to determine if there is a need for additional street lighting in the area of the bus shelter.	
14	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to request the Highways Authority to carry out a risk assessment in relation to all users of the road from Scots Gap to Seaton point.	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as part of the Parish Council's number one priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have taken place with Councillor Pattison and officials of the Highways Authority. The officials are to meet Boulmer Parish Councillors to view the outcome of the Boulmer Review on this issue and to attend a Public Meeting in Boulmer.
	PAVEMENTS	
15	This issue to be drawn to the attention of Councillor Pattison to request the Highways Authority (NCC) for advice on the best way of dealing with this problem.	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as the Parish Council's third priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have also taken place with Councillor Pattison who has accepted the need for the improvement and has allocated £8,000 of her County Council allowances for the repair of pavements in Boulmer and Craster. Officials have already started work and it is expected to be complete by the end of November, weather permitting.
16	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to request the Highways Authority to survey all the pavements and take corrective action.	As above for 15.
	SPEEDING VEHICLES	
17	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to request the Highways Authority (NCC) to carry out a road survey of the speed of vehicles passing through the Boulmer 30mph zone and to inform on any further action.	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as part of the Parish Council's number one priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have taken place with Councillor Pattison and officials of the Highways Authority. The officials are to meet Boulmer Parish Councillors to view the outcome of the Boulmer Review on this issue and to attend a Public Meeting in Boulmer.
18	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to request the Highways Authority (NCC) to review the 30mph zone to determine whether it should be extended towards the RAF Camp at the northern end away from the T junction and towards Seaton Point at	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as part of the Parish Council's number one priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have taken place with Councillor Pattison and officials of the Highways Authority. The officials are to meet Boulmer Parish Councillors to view the outcome of the Boulmer Review on this issue and to attend a Public Meeting in Boulmer.

	the southern end.	
19	Request the Parish Speedwatch Team to make an occasional appearance in the Boulmer 30pmh zone.	The request has been made.
20	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to ask the Highways Authority (NCC) to carry out a road safety review of the T junction by St Andrew's Church. This to include the need to drop the kerb at the north western side of the junction for the use of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams.	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as part of the Parish Council's number one priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have taken place with Councillor Pattison and officials of the Highways Authority. The officials are to meet Boulmer Parish Councillors to view the outcome of the Boulmer Review on this issue and to attend a Public Meeting in Boulmer.
PARKING		
21	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to ask the Highways Authority (NCC) to undertake a review of the congestion and vehicle parking throughout Boulmer. The review to put forward any proposals.	This issue has been submitted to the County Council as part of the Parish Council's number one priority under the Local Transport Plan submissions for 2018/19. Discussions have taken place with Councillor Pattison and officials of the Highways Authority. The officials are to meet Boulmer Parish Councillors to view the outcome of the Boulmer Review on this issue and to attend a Public Meeting in Boulmer.
22	Liaise with Councillor Pattison to ask the Highways Authority to re-instate the 'No Campervans' sign at Seaton Point.	Raised with Councillor Wendy Pattison.
HEALTH		
23	The Boulmer Voluntary Rescue Service has offered to host a defibrillator. The Parish Council is considering the offer and the funding of the purchase of the defibrillator.	The Parish Council has obtained funding for the purchase of the defibrillator thanks to Story Homes. The project is going ahead.
24	The Parish Council to consider passing to the Alnwick Medical Group the dislike of some residents of the new telephoning system in place of face to face appointments. A public meeting with the Alnwick Medical Group in Boulmer or Longhoughton may also	A letter is to be sent to the Alnwick Medical Group from the Parish Council.

	help residents to express their concerns.	
ENVIRONMENT – DOGS, DOG POO AND LITTER		
25	The Parish Council to establish an ongoing campaign to raise awareness and encourage dog owners to pick up their dog poo and dispose in the bins provided.	<p>The Parish Council will support the County Council’s Green Dog Walkers initiative. The Green Dog Walkers is a friendly non-confrontational way to change attitudes towards dog fouling. Northumberland is a welcoming place for responsible dog walkers whether residents or visitors but not a place that tolerates irresponsible dog owners. The aim of the Green Dog Walker Initiative is to change public attitudes so that it becomes socially unacceptable to fail to clean up after your dog i.e. they should leave only pawprints.</p> <p>The Green Dog Walker Initiative relies on volunteers for its delivery and uses a non-confrontational ‘keep it friendly’ approach to encourage responsible dog ownership. We ask Green Dog Walkers to talk to other dog walkers, offering free poop bags, distribute GDW leaflets and encourage other dog walkers to also sign up to the green dog walker pledge.</p> <p>Reporting dog Poo. Dog fouling can be reported to the County Council on-line at the following address: https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=DOG_FOULING</p> <p>Longhoughton Parish Council will consider putting together a campaign to raise the awareness of dog fouling and to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.</p>
26	Publish in the Boulmer News Bulletin, the Parish Council web site and on the Boulmer noticeboard the contact details for the Dog Warden so that residents can report the names of perpetrators or their vehicle numbers.	<p>Residents are able to report a dog fouling incident to the County Council. It can be done on-line, in writing or by telephone.</p> <p>On-line - https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=dog_fouling</p> <p>By telephone - Phone 0345 600 6400 between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>In writing – Send to Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth. NE61 2EF</p>
27	The Parish Council to review the distribution of litter bins and dog poo bins.	This will be done as part of the review. A good suggestions have been received for the location of a dog poo bins at the southern end of the Car Park where there is evidence of dog poo problems.
28	The Parish Council to organise periodic litter picks to be advertised in the Boulmer News Bulletin and encourage volunteers to take part. Establish liaison with other litter picking groups so that resources are used effectively.	A litter pick was organised on 11.11.17 and was supported by eight residents. The litter pick was from Boulmer to Seaton Point and resulted in ten bags of litter and other rubbish being removed from the beach and dunes.

	IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT	
29	The Parish Council to note this view and reflect it in future decisions.	Noted by the Parish Council.
30	The grass cutting of the Village Green. In 2018 the cuts will take place in April, August and October. The Meadow will be cut once each year in August/September.	Plans are already in place.
	COMMUNICATIONS	
31	Consideration to be given to extending the Boulmer News Bulletin to cover some news other than Parish Council news. This could be provided by residents and other organisations.	The proposed Parish Council 'Community News Letter' will cover both Parish Council and other community news.
32	The web site address of the Parish Council web site to be included in each addition of the Boulmer News Bulletin and displayed on the community notice board.	This is quoted in the Boulmer News Bulletin. The web site address of the Parish Council web site is included and is : https://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton
33	Consider setting up arrangements for the distribution of the Boulmer News Bulletin by email to those households that are connected to the internet.	These arrangements will be established as part of the new Parish wide Newsletter.
34	Request the Parish Council to fund the Boulmer News Bulletin.	The Parish Council has approved the development of a Parish wide Community Newsletter. This will incorporate the Boulmer News Bulletin.
	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	
35	The Boulmer Community News to be developed to include more information about the issues and actions being dealt with by the Parish Council.	It is intended that the proposed Parish wide Newsletter will incorporate news and information in addition to news and issues belonging to the Parish Council.
36	Encourage the residents to send in their views, good or bad, to the Parish Councillors.	The Boulmer News Bulletin will encourage residents to express their views on a number of suggestions or issues. Residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to express their views to be part of local democracy.
37	Encourage residents to attend Parish Council meetings to use the	Through the Boulmer News Bulletin residents will be made aware of the dates and locations of Parish Council meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings to raise questions or to observe local democracy in action.

	opportunity to raise any questions or issues.	
38	Circulate information on the role and purpose of the Parish Council and that of Northumberland County Council. To be included in the Parish Council web site, the noticeboards the Boulmer News Bulletins and give links to other organisations.	Summary information on the role of the Parish Council being sought. The Parish Council web site address is - http://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton