

BOULMER REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREFERRED SOLUTIONS - PROGRESS REPORT

DATE OF UPDATE – 13.12.18

Number	PREFERRED SOLUTION	PROGRESS
HOUSING		
01	This view to be reported to Northumberland Estates via the Parish Council.	At a meeting with representatives of the Estate the views of the Community were noted. However, the Estates view was that the village would be increasingly dominated by holiday homes and that limited housing, possibly at the south end, could provide for families and local people , and could include rented and private housing to help address this issue.
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.	This issue has been discussed with the Estate. Their response was that when their properties become vacant the Trust has an obligation to dispose on any properties on the open market to ensure that they get best value.
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.	Action was left to individual householders.
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. If there is a demand for this knowledge and information a presentation can be arranged in the Memorial Hall.
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	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. In January 2018 the County Council advised that an issue had been encountered and it was more likely to be the end of June 2018 before High Speed Broadband is delivered to Boulmer. June 2018 – Broadband is now available in Boulmer. BT advise that residents have to approach their operator to ensure that they are switched on to High Speed Broadband.

	Broadband.	
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 of complaint have been despatched to Virgin, O2, EE, Vodaphone and BT. By 11.03.18 Virgin, EE and O2 had responded. These companies gave guidance for individual customers to make complaints so that they can be considered. This guidance is to be included in the April Newsletter. Residents have to complain to their operator.
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 In February an approach was made to NEED Ltd. This resulted in an agreement for a pilot ‘Door to Door’ shopping service to Alnwick being offered to residents in Boulmer, Longhoughton, Howick and Craster on Fridays each week, The pilot scheme for this service was to run from 16.02.18 to 09.03.18. By the last week of the pilot 4 households in Boulmer had used the service but none from Longhoughton, Howick or Craster. On 09.03.18 NEED agreed to extend the pilot service for an unknown period. The service is now standard and is being well used by Boulmer residents.
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 has being compiled. It was presented to the Parish Council at the meeting on 15.01.18. It was agreed that each individual pot-hole or groups of potholes should be input into the County Council monitoring system. This was done in early February. To be repeated once per annum.
12	Publicise via the Boulmer News Bulletin and the Parish Council web	To be published in the Boulmer News Bulletin and on the Parish Council web site. The web site address is :

	site, the County Council telephone number for reporting pot holes and road defects to enable residents to make the reports themselves.	http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/SearchResults.aspx?searchtext=Report+a+Pot+Hole&searchmode=anyword To be included in the April 2018 Community Newsletter and then periodically.
13	Although the Highways Act does not place a duty on the Northumberland County Council to provide street 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.	The inadequacy of street lighting on Beach View has been brought to the attention of Councillor Wendy Pattison. It has also been brought to the attention of to the NCC Highways Officer Richard McKenzie.
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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie. Residents had an opportunity to raise this issue at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. Richard McKenzie has not included this issue in the proposals under the Local Transport Plan 2018/19.
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 2017, weather permitting. The finalisation of the work to improve the pavements is on hold until better weather arrives. The pavements on the south side of Boulmer have been re-laid in August 2018. Work is still be done on Bowmere and in the main village. It is anticipated this will be done in 2019 with a contribution from Councillor Pattison.
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)	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

	to carry out a road survey of the speed of vehicles passing through the Boulmer 30mph zone and to inform on any further action.	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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie. Residents had an opportunity to raise these issues at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. The survey results demonstrated that there is not a major problem with speeding and in view of this the County Council proposed no further action.
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 the southern end.	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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie. Residents had an opportunity to raise these issues at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. It has been approved that the two 30mph signs near the T junction in Boulmer will be moved towards Longhoughton to beyond the entrance to Boulmer Hall Farm and Boulmer Hall Farm Cottages.
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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie. Residents had an opportunity to raise these issues at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. The County Council's proposals are awaited.
	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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie.

		Residents had an opportunity to raise these issues at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. The County Council's proposal was for a car park somewhere in the vicinity of the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council agreed to this in principle and are awaiting more detailed proposals from NCC.
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. Boulmer Parish Councillors Hinchcliffe and Robinson, Councillor Wendy Pattison and Mr Richard McKenzie of NCC Highways Department walked around Boulmer on 15.01.18 to familiarise Mr Mc Kenzie with the issues raised by residents. These issues were also put in writing to Mr Mc Kenzie. Residents had an opportunity to raise these issues at the 'drop-in' meeting on 23.01.18. The County Council has not made any suggestions for the replacement of this sign.
	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. The defibrillator was installed in January 2018. Training in the use of the defibrillator took place on 24.05.18.
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 help residents to express their concerns.	This issue has been discussed with the Practice Manager of the Alnwick Medical Group.
	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.	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. 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. Reporting dog Poo. Dog fouling can be reported to the County Council on-line at the following address:

		<p>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. To be considered by the Parish Council at the March or April meeting once the new dog poo bin is in place. Two Councillors promoted the Green Dog Walkers Initiative to dog owners on a Saturday morning in August 2018.</p>
26	<p>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>	<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> <p>Details to be published in the April 2018 Community Newsletter.</p>
27	<p>The Parish Council to review the distribution of litter bins and dog poo bins.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Parish Council at the meeting on 19.02.18 agreed to an additional Dog Poo bin to be installed at the southern end of the Boulmer Car Park.</p> <p>The new bin was installed by volunteers in March 2018.</p>
28	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>A number of residents from Boulmer and Longhoughton are now picking up plastic waste from the beach at a regular frequency.</p> <p>The Coastal Car Team of the AONB is arranging litter picks at various places on the Coast. These to be publicised through the Community Newsletter. All are supported by the Parish.</p>
<p>IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT</p>		
29	<p>The Parish Council to note this view and reflect it in future decisions.</p>	<p>Noted by the Parish Council.</p>
30	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Village Green was cut in April and October.</p> <p>The Meadow was cut on 15.10.18. Volunteers from Boulmer and the Coastal Care team picked up the cut grass on 18.10.18</p>

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.	<p>The proposed Parish Council 'Community News Letter' will cover both Parish Council and other community news.</p> <p>The first edition of the Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter was issued in February 2018. This will be issued every two months.</p>
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.	<p>This is quoted in the Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter. The web site address of the Parish Council web site is included and is : https://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton</p> <p>To be included in each issue of the Community Newsletter.</p>
33	Consider setting up arrangements for the distribution of the Boulmer News Bulletin by email to those households that are connected to the internet.	<p>These arrangements will be established as part of the new Parish wide Newsletter.</p> <p>Superseded by the issue of the Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter.</p>
34	Request the Parish Council to fund the Boulmer News Bulletin.	The Parish Council has approved the development of the Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton 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.	The Parish wide Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter will incorporate community 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, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter 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 opportunity to raise any questions or issues.	Through the Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton Community Newsletter 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. These dates are also on the Parish Council Web site and on the Parish Council noticeboard in Boulmer.
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	<p>Suitable summary information on the role of the Parish Council is being sought for distribution to residents. This to be included in the Parish Council web site.</p> <p>The Parish Council web site address is - http://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton</p>

	Boulmer News Bulletins and give links to other organisations.	
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