

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	30 April 2019
Agenda Item Number	Item 10 (iii) (a)
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Title of Report	Strategic Plan 2018-21
Summary	<p>The Strategic Plan Working Group met at Nell Bridge House on Thursday 11-Apr-19. Those present were Cllrs Keith R Mitchell, Diane Bratt, Rod Head & Ann Lyons. Cllr Colin Astley was absent and had not replied to three requests for available dates.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan had been agreed by APC on 30-Oct-18 (77/18)</p> <p>The Group had two objectives, to recommend to APC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ priorities within the Strategic Plan and ➤ links to long-term financial planning <p>The Group had been supplied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ APC's agreed Strategic Plan ➤ APC's budget and precept 2019/20 ➤ Summaries of sec 106 funding held by Cherwell DC and Oxon CC <p>The Group considered those items in the Strategic Plan over which the Parrish Council had some powers and noted that they fell into two distinct categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issues that were ongoing and were considered each year in the budget setting process; and ➤ Projects that were substantial and one-off <p>The Group considered that the financial planning process could be improved as set out below and identified five substantial projects that should be given priority.</p>
Recommendations	<p>(a) That APC prepares a three-year financial plan that extends beyond a single year, at least in terms of the major blocks of income and expenditure. Cllr Keith Mitchell is asked to draft this for approval.</p> <p>(b) That APC includes in the three-year financial plan details of sec 106 funding held by Cherwell DC and Oxon CC and potential additional sources of sec 106 funding where known; Cllrs Diane Bratt and Keith Mitchell are asked to do this and for it to be reported regularly to the parish council.</p> <p>(c) That the strategic plan should be cross referenced to the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Diane Bratt is asked to draft this for approval.</p> <p>(d) That APC identifies five substantial projects that should be given priority in terms of resource planning as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sports & community facilities at Milton Road; (ii) Preserve Lucy Plackett Playing Field as fantastic green space and improve facilities where possible; (iii) Sympathetic traffic calming; (iv) Sustainability of the village store (v) New outdoor gym equipment to encourage exercise. <p>(e) That APC acknowledges items (i) and (iii) require significant resources and should be prioritised within the allocated funding available and the potential to augment this.</p> <p>(f) That APC acknowledges item (ii), while important, is dependent on the successful outcome of item (i) and is unlikely to involve significant funding given the objective is stability and possible improvement.</p>

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	<p>Item (ii) would link well with item (v).</p> <p>(g) That APC acknowledges item (iv) is one where APC's ability to influence is limited and the role is likely to be primarily one of mediation, requiring little financial resource.</p> <p>(h) That APC acknowledges that item (v), while desirable, must have a lower priority until items (i) and (iii) are achieved.</p> <p>(i) That Cllr Astley be removed from the working group, given his lack of communication or attendance described above and that APC appoints two or three other members to expand the group.</p>
Reasons for the Recommendation	To improve the financial planning process and to confirm APC's priorities for substantial one-off projects.
Impact on Budget	None immediately but should improve the budgeting process and ensure adequate consideration is given to identifying and maximising funding sources.
Risks	None if all members of APC accept the democratic decisions concerning priorities and resources.
Background	APC was recommended to agree a Strategic Plan in the <i>Hoey Ainscough</i> report and has been deliberating this since the report was published. Earlier reports {26-Mar-19 Item 10 (v)} give the full history which is not repeated here.
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	The agreed Strategic Plan is <u>attached</u> .