

ALLINGTON WITH BOSCOMBE WILTSHIRE

2011-2016

PARISH PLAN



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In the Spring of 2009, the Allington with Boscombe Parish Council (A+BPC) voted unanimously to support the implementation of a Parish Plan for 2011-2016.

Situated in the Bourne Valley, the parishes of Newton Toney, Idmiston and Winterbourne have already published their Parish Plans and it was felt by the A+BPC that the commissioning of our own Parish Plan would be beneficial to residents and would further unite the Bourne Valley community.

What's A Parish Plan?

It's a joint statement by village residents of how our community sees itself developing over the next few years. It's a powerful document that can influence decision-making on:

- Future community strategies, planning and development
- It's the basis for future action and projects for the Parish Council and residents
- It reflects how the environment and Parish amenities need to be improved to make Allington and Boscombe a more caring, safer and better place to live.

Besides identifying the needs and aspirations of residents, it also:

- Establishes priorities
- Identifies how to deliver results
- Helps us to influence service providers (such as Wiltshire Council, Police, Health Services and other organisations) to address our village priorities when making plans and setting priorities for our community
- Provides information to support Parish applications for future funding applications
- Helps community groups and Parish Plan Sub Committees achieve their aims
- Stimulates interest and involvement of residents to create a stronger and more interactive community
- Encourages co-operation between Allington and Boscombe and other villages in our area, particularly those in the Bourne Valley.

Parish Plan Execution

The Parish Council agreed in April 2009 to ask Trevor Storer to take on the Chair of a Parish Plan Steering Committee. Having accepted, he formed a committee made up of residents and instigated initial meetings to formulate a plan and budgets.

With the support (and funding) from Community First (www.communityfirst.org.uk) and the Parish Council, an

initial Public Meeting was held in the Spring of 2009, hosted by Marion Rayner of Community First. The concept of a Parish Plan and a plan of action was fully discussed and overwhelmingly supported by those village residents present.

OPEN MEETING WITH COMMUNITY FIRST Your Views about the Village

YOU LIKED	YOU DISLIKED
1. Quiet and safe location	1. A358 traffic and speed issues. No easy crossing of the A208
2. Beautiful countryside	2. Lack of amenities. No village hall or shop
3. Great local walks	3. Very little activity for the youth
4. Easy access to Salisbury, Amesbury and Andover	4. Lack of Police presence
5. Low Crime level	5. No cycle path
6. Neighbours look out for me	6. No village fête
	7. Low flying aircraft from Boscombe
	8. Litter and dog fouling

Over a period of the next 12 months, various Sub Committees were formed and house to house interviews and several in-depth questionnaires were completed by residents. Together with information and input from stakeholders, service providers and other organisations, a computer model of the data and results was produced. A second Public meeting was held in October 2010 at which the results were presented to residents. This was followed by further input from residents that enabled the Steering Committee to complete its action plan and Parish Plan documentation.

Parish Plan Distribution

In addition to distributing a copy of the Parish Plan to every household, we have also lodged a copy with various departments of Wiltshire Council and the many other organisations and businesses responsible for making decisions that affect our community. A copy of our Parish Plan is also on our website (www.allingtonwithboscombe-parish.co.uk). For each subject and sub-section discussed in the Parish Plan, there is an Aims and Action Plan that identifies the action required, by whom and in what time scale.

What Happens Next

Now that the Parish Plan has been formally endorsed by the Parish Council, the Parish Plan Steering Committee will be disbanded. In its place, a community partnership will act as an umbrella group to co-ordinate activities and facilitate implementation of the plan by the various village Sub Committees. Each Sub Committee will be made up of a number of residents covering such areas as (but not restricted to) youth, senior citizens, the environment, village life, roads, transport and services.

Allington

- Derivations of the village name (Saxon and Old English) include: Ealda's Farm V-Ington or Aelles Farm. Alternative spellings: Aldinton (1188-1270), Aldington (1242), Aldynton (1426) and Aldington/Allington (1769).
- Most of the land was originally owned by the Abbess of Amesbury before the Dissolution in the reign of Henry VIII.
- The 1921 census revealed that the population had declined since the 14th Century to 64 inhabitants. Resident numbers grew to 175 in 1931 and 469 in 1991.
- In 1840 there were six farmhouses – three around the green (now the playground), two in Wyndham Lane (then called High Street) and one on Newton Toney Road. Employment and trade at this time was generally agricultural.



THEN (1914) AND NOW (2010) – A VIEW FROM THE ALLINGTON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND.

- The Old Inn was originally called The New Inn. It was sideways onto the road (see picture top right), but burnt down in 1848 and was replaced with the existing building.
- In 1958 The School was attended by 12 children. A new school built on the parish boundary in 1894 was closed in 1973.



ABOVE: THE NEW INN (1840s) PRIOR TO FIRE.
BELOW: THE OLD INN AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.



- The Allington Church (St. John the Baptist) was rebuilt in 1847 on the site of a 13th Century church.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP IN 2010.

- The Methodist Chapel was originally a private cottage owned by Mr Hutfield. In 1849 it was bought by Miss Alice Horne, whose father farmed most of Allington, and converted to a Chapel. It is now back in private ownership as a family home. The Methodist Church in Winterbourne Dauntsey now serves the whole of the Bourne Valley.
- Bourne View was built in 1948. Building on the west side of Wyndham Lane began in the 1960s.



VIEW UP WYNDHAM LANE, FROM THE FORD.

- In the last decade the village has seen the demise of its Shop, Garage, Post Office and St. John the Baptist Church was closed for public worship in February 2010.

Boscombe

- Derives from the Old English word Bors – denoting something of a spiky or bristly nature – and the word Cumb meaning a combe or valley overgrown with such plants.
- Alternative spelling: Boscumbe (1086), Bascumbe (1180), Borscumbe (1275), Borescumbe (1302) and Borscome (1537).
- Earliest inhabited site is the spur of land behind East Farm – settled in the Iron Age and then taken over by the Romano-British as a small farm that was abandoned after the Saxons settled in the country.
- Population: 46 (1377), 10 (1428), 159 (1851), 81 (1921), 117 (1931) and 156 (1991).



BOSCOMBE POST OFFICE (CIRCA 1912).

- Boscombe Working Men's Club was built in 1919.
- The school (probably held in a local barn or other building) had 14 pupils in 1833, 27 pupils in 1846 and 10 in 1853.
- Trades and occupations in 1898: The Rector, Labourers, Cowman, Post Mistress, Sub-Post Mistress, Bailiff, Blacksmith, Carpenter, Thatcher and Shepherd.
- The Cemetery opened between 1923-1939.



APPROACH TO ST. ANDREWS CHURCH (LEFT). ABOVE: THEN (1912) AND BELOW: NOW (2010).



ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, BOSCOMBE (2010).

- Some land and buildings were acquired by the Porton Down Experimental Establishment in 1923.
- Boscombe joined Allington as the Parish of Allington with Boscombe in 1934.
- St. Andrews Church, Boscombe is now the only public place of worship in Allington and Boscombe.

Life in Allington and Boscombe at the turn of the century

by Trevor Storer, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee

As dawn breaks, Mary Morris pedals her Post Office bike along Bourne View for the last time. During the hours of darkness, the Avonmore milkman has completed his doorstep deliveries disturbing the lighter sleepers in Wyndham Lane and consignments of bread, cakes and dry cleaning have been delivered to Rob and Sandra's General Store.

As the mail arrives from Salisbury Sorting Office, Pete Smith is making his way to the Garage where he sorts out the newspapers as the first early morning customers arrive. Mike Brunton calls in en route to his publishing firm in Thruxton where the next edition of Clay Shooting magazine is being prepared. Mike's son has just become the youngest World Champion in the sport of clay target shooting. Stuart Haslam, who will be 15 years old on 1st January 2000, completes his paper round in the nick of time as pupils of Salisbury schools make their way wearily to the bus stop after another late night in the playground.

The village now boasts a new bus shelter after pressure on the Parish Council. Commuters leave for work in the surrounding towns and the A338 becomes momentarily busy. As the traffic dies down, the Idmiston school bus starts picking up its passengers, not as many as usual as some Mums have travelled separately to the end of term service. Toddlers arrive at the Chapel for another session of the thriving Play Group and if the weather holds they will be able to cross the road into the recently refurbished playground.

The village falls quiet – the silence occasionally punctured by delivery vans searching for unnumbered houses or planes aimlessly circling Boscombe Down. The library van arrives and is met by its regular literary group. By now some people are working at home. Rob Kitson is preparing an article for the Guardian, Dave Leech is working on security matters in anticipation of his next trip to China, the members of the Art Club are putting the final touches to their work for their annual exhibition and Harry Lodge, a member of the Amore E Vita (Love and Life) cycling team, supported by the Pope, heads off for more practice.

The fields around contain the usual crops – rape, wheat, barley and field beans. This year, the set-aside has been adorned by the vivid yellow and purplish blue haze of sunflowers and phaseolus. At the Old Inn, Yvonne and Roy prepare another day's hospitality reflecting on the pub's success in the Spire FM Quiz (semi-finalists this year).

The church bell tolls for a funeral – a frequent occurrence in the past year. Former vicars and past and present residents gather to pay their respects. The churchyard looks particularly tidy thanks to the efforts of Stuart Gregory and Professor Hugh Glanville.

The evening ends with a Supporters of Allington and Boscombe Recreation Area Barn Dance – and their coffers are swelled accordingly. The last dog walker returns down the track to the ford, wondering whether the Bourne will rise again before the Millennium.

Allington and Boscombe – Today (2011)

The Parish of Allington with Boscombe lies 8 miles east of Salisbury (Wiltshire) on the busy A338. Some 196 homes straddle the main road with the highest housing density being at the north end of Allington and down Wyndham Lane, Bourne View and in Boscombe, stretching from the cemetery to the Earl of Normanton pub. While some residents still have close ties to agriculture and the surrounding countryside, the majority reflect modern day family life in that they are employed, self-employed, professional, businessmen and women, together with members of the armed forces (serving and retired) and those who have retired and settled in the villages.

Surrounded by countryside, the villages have progressively lost their sense of community following the sale of the Allington Church Vicarage and loss of its own Vicar, closure of the Garage, Shop, Post Office and the 2010 closure of St. John the Baptist Church for public worship. The only remaining village amenities are The Old Inn and The Earl of Normanton pubs, The Boscombe Social Club, St. Andrews Church, Boscombe and the Allington playground. In 2009 The Parish Council voted that every effort should be made to commission a Parish Plan to breathe life back into the community.

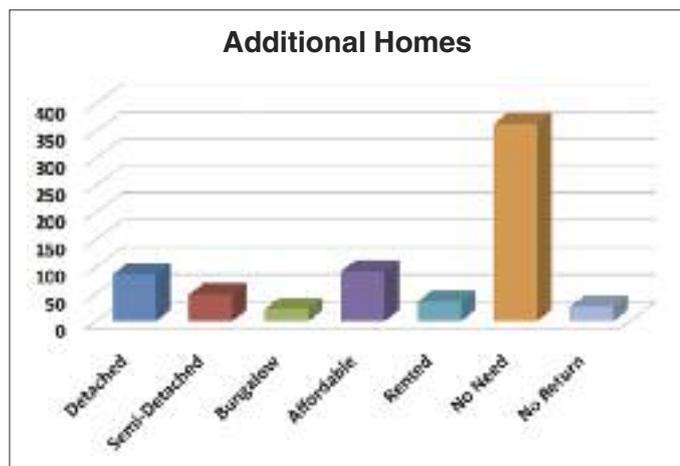
ALLINGTON WITH BOSCOMBE PARISH PLAN

All the issues (and actions) raised as a result of the Parish Plan questionnaire and interviews are addressed in two Chapters that make up this Parish Plan Report.

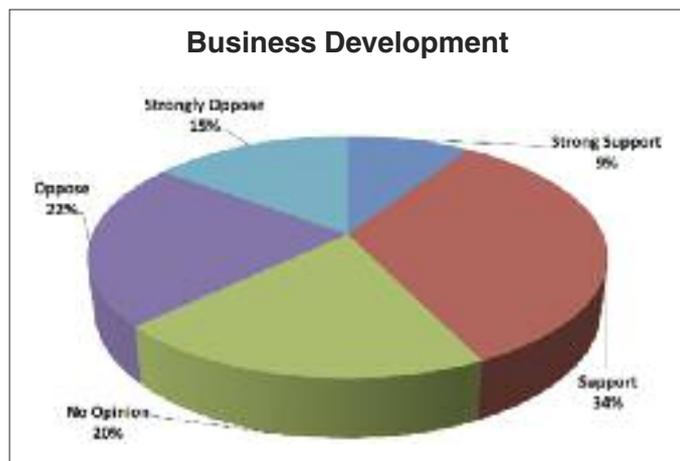
Chapter 1 relates to the services provided by local and national service providers, such as Electricity and Gas, and of course, Wiltshire Council.

ADDITIONAL HOMES SMALL BUSINESSES AND OFFICES

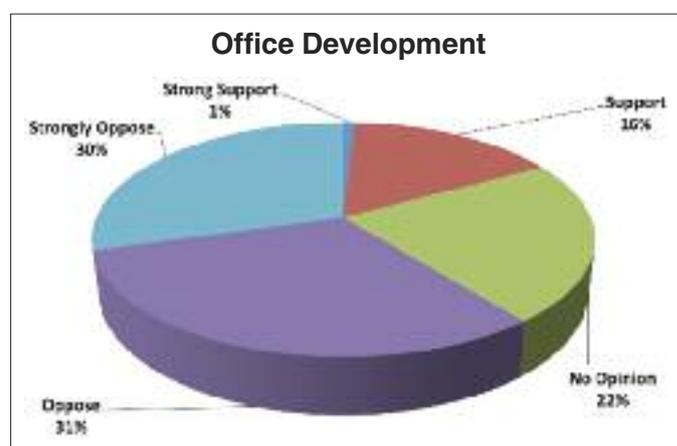
Future planning and development issues, ultimately approved by Wiltshire Council, are clearly of major concern to village residents. The majority of respondents feel that there is no need for major housing developments in or close to the village – so no Archers Gate type estates for us. However, there was some support for modest infilling of detached, semi-detached, bungalow and affordable housing.



When it came to ‘small business’ development almost 43 per cent of respondents supported such development in the village, while 37 per cent opposed.



As regards office development in the village, 61 per cent were opposed. These are important pointers for the Parish Council when considering future planning issues in the village and provides valuable input to Wiltshire Council, Amesbury Area Board and speculative developers.



PARISH PLAN INFORMATION INPUT

The first action of the Parish Plan Steering Committee was to establish the number of homes in the Parish (196). Average household size is 2.4 people and 28 households have someone with a disability (16 per cent of all homes).

After initial consultation with residents, a more comprehensive questionnaire was circulated to every household with individual interviews to collect the data to prepare the Parish Plan.

277 residents completed the questionnaire (68 per cent individual resident return) from 169 of the 196 homes in the Parish (86 per cent household return). With no input from children under the age of 10, this is an excellent level of participation. Illustrated is the age breakdown of the respondents.

AGE	RESPONDENTS
10-20 yrs	12%
21-40 yrs	18%
41-60 yrs	34%
61-70 yrs	24%
71+ yrs	12%

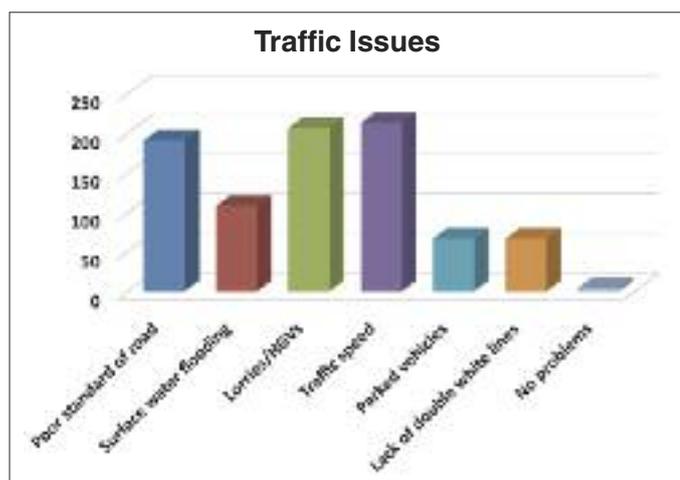
AIMS

1. Increase the influence of village opinion on planning application decisions.
2. Increased effectiveness of dealing with serious planning infringements.
3. Limitation of new housing to the type and location that best suits the village.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1,2	Report planning infringements to the Parish Council. Object to any Planning Application if you feel it is inappropriate	Individuals	Ongoing
3	If you are intending to submit a planning application, ensure it is sympathetic to the village environment	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
2	Parish Council to report planning infringements to Wiltshire Council	Parish Council	Ongoing
1	Strongly resist any major housing development on existing greenfield sites surrounding or in the village	Parish Council	Ongoing
3	Investigate the benefits and procedure to produce a Village Design Statement	Parish Council W.C. Planning Authority	1-3 years
1	Take account of residents' preferences when considering planning applications. Improve communication to residents so every planning application is widely publicised throughout the village.	Parish Council	Ongoing
What we are asking others to do			
3	Wiltshire Council and speculative developers to note our Parish request to refuse planning applications for groups of houses, tandem development, development on greenfield sites, mobile home sites and offices	Wilts Council Amesbury Area Board	Ongoing

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Traffic issues, as expected, were high on the agenda. Speeding on the A338 is the major concern of residents. The Parish Council supports ongoing speed control measures through both villages.



The size of lorries and HGVs was the next major concern but while the A338 remains a major road, weight restrictions will never be considered by Wiltshire Council. However, the Parish Council supports the view that there are good reasons to deprime the A338 that runs through both villages.

There was strong respondent support for temporary speed traps, larger village signs asking drivers to take care, digital speed signs and warning signs. These will now be discussed with the Police and Wiltshire Council by the Parish Council.

Other issues regarding poor road standards (pot-holes) and surface water in the Parish are communicated to Wiltshire Council by the Parish Council (as appropriate).

The Amesbury Area Board supports the concept of the 'Community Speed Watch' as an important initiative to help reduce speeding traffic and improve the quality of life for local communities. Wiltshire Council are in regular contact with the Police Authority to ensure that Speed Watch is appropriately resourced and local volunteers receive the necessary support to take on this role. Wiltshire Council has also confirmed (August 2010) that Speed Indicator Devices will continue to be available for deployment in each community area. The Parish Council is fully aware of the scheme and will seek support (or opposition) from residents as to its use in future months.

The Parish Council needs to maintain awareness of the Wiltshire Council's Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 (in case it has implications for Allington and Boscombe) that is made up of a long-term transport strategy that seeks to: Support economic growth; Reduce carbon emissions; Contribute to better safety, security and health; Promote equality of opportunity and Improve quality of life and promote a natural environment.

AIMS

1. Control (or reduce) traffic speed through the village, around the play park and in Bourne View.
2. Improvement in safety at road junction A338/Old Inn/Newton Toney Road and at A338/Allington Track and the exit onto the A338 from Bourne View.
3. Obstruction-free access to pavements for pedestrians.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
2	Keep hedges cut back to your property boundary	Individuals	Ongoing
2	Park on your driveway or safely off the road	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
2, 3	Ensure Parish Steward and our grass/hedge contractor cuts back splays onto A338 and keeps hedges cut and pavements free of weeds	Parish Council Parish Steward	Within 6 mths
1	Consult with residents about Community Speed Watch	Parish Council	6 months
1	Keep up to date with Wiltshire Council's Local Transport Plan	Parish Council	Ongoing
2	Review traffic calming measures (eg: Review the need for double white lines in parts of the village. Evaluate respondents requests for additional pavements in specific village locations. Investigate the possibility of a pedestrian crossing from Newton Toney Road junction to the Old Inn and from Bourne View across the A338 to the bus stop)	Parish Council	1 year
What we are asking others to do			
1	Enforce the existing (and future) speed limits throughout both villages	Police	Ongoing
1	Deprime A338	Wiltshire Council Area Board & Government	Unknown
4	Better maintain roads and pavements and quickly effect repairs when needed (as advised by Parish Council)	Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
2	Advise our Parish on traffic calming measures (eg. speed traps, improved digital speed signage) and Community Speed Watch	Police Amesbury Area Board	Ongoing

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Respondents to the Parish Plan questionnaire believe that services provided by Wiltshire Council and those from national service providers (such as electricity, gas, water, drainage, telephone and TV reception) are either good or adequate (over 70 per cent). However, 62 per cent felt that broadband was a major issue.

Allington with Boscombe Parish Council is in touch with and supports Stonehenge Broadband who are promoting a digital 'Village Pump' for broadband in the Amesbury Board Area. With high-speed fibre connections under the A303 and Wiltshire Council's ongoing plans for broadband investment, Allington and Boscombe are well placed to achieve higher broadband speeds in the future.



One of the most important services provided by Wiltshire Council is waste collection and recycling. 90 per cent of respondents felt that the service was good or adequate. However, Wiltshire Council wants to move to fortnightly collections that may result in issues during the initial period

of introduction (2012). The Parish Council is working closely with Area Board, other Parishes in the Area Board and the Bourne Valley Alliance to ensure that all relevant issues and resident concerns are fully addressed so as not to cause issues for residents when the fortnightly scheme is introduced.

Regional healthcare, particularly from doctors, in our area is considered to be good or reasonable. Other services such

as home nursing and maternity care were considered good by those individuals that used such services.

As regards health, everyone is acutely aware of the need to make NHS budgets go further in the future. The Parish Council will keep abreast of plans by Patient Groups, Voluntary Organisations, NHS Providers and GPs in the coming 24 months and ensure residents (particularly senior citizens and families) are fully aware of any such changes.

AIMS

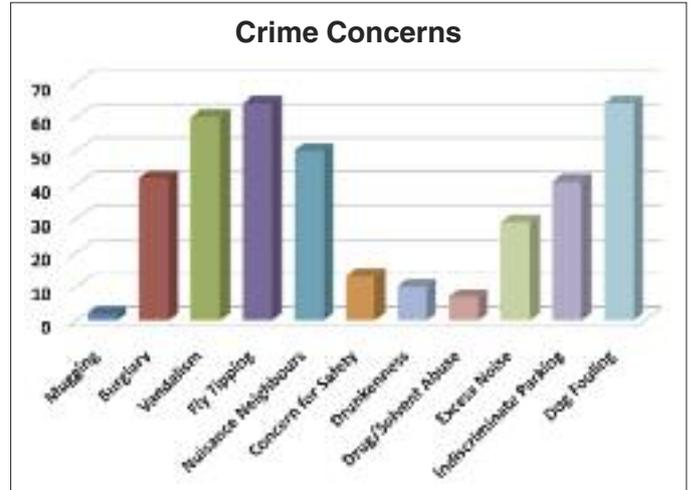
1. Ensure levels of Services and Utilities are maintained to the highest standard.
2. Improve Broadband services.
3. Monitor all services that could be effected by current and future budget cuts.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Report service faults immediately	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Regularly visit Wiltshire Council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) for updates on all services	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
2	Support Stonehenge Broadband's push to improve broadband speeds	Parish Council	Ongoing
1, 2, 3	Maintain presence at Amesbury Area Board meetings	Parish Council	Ongoing
3	Ensure all services by Wiltshire Council are monitored and convey information about service changes to residents by way of Parish magazine, noticeboards and Village website	Parish Council	Ongoing
3	Ensure all changes by service providers (other than Wiltshire Council) are conveyed to residents via Parish magazine, noticeboards and Village website	Parish Council	Ongoing
1, 3	In view of budget cuts by Government, Wiltshire Council and service providers (2011-13), consider whether any community provided services are a viable alternative option	Parish Council	Ongoing
What we are asking others to do			
1	Ensure all changes to services that effect our residents are notified to residents and to our Parish Council	Wiltshire Council. All Service Providers. Amesbury Areas Board	Ongoing

CRIME AND POLICE

When it comes to crime and the Police, half of the respondents felt that the police presence in the village was poor. With only three Beat Officers having to cover 28 villages and hamlets across the County, this is somewhat inevitable. Even so, over 60 per cent of residents reported no specific concern for their safety. The Parish Council regularly communicates with the local Beat Officer and receives a quarterly report on crime and anti-social behaviour in Allington and Boscombe. The Parish Council also supports the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

There was strong concern about Vandalism, Fly Tipping, Hawkers and most significantly, 'Dog Fouling'. The latter is becoming a major issue throughout Wiltshire. The Parish Council continue to publicise the dog fouling issue and



maintains signage about current fines for dog fouling. This remains a top priority for the Village Environmental Committee.

AIMS

1. Improve Police Visibility in the Village.
2. Reduce crime (petty and serious).
3. Reduce dog fouling.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
2	If you witness a crime or are concerned about specific anti-social behaviour call the police (Non Emergency 0845 408700. Emergency 999)	Individuals	Ongoing
3	If you suspect residents walking dogs are not complying with dog fouling laws, talk to them. If they continue to disregard your approaches report them to the Parish Council	Individuals	Ongoing
2	Report unauthorised Hawkers to the Police (0845 408700)	Individuals	Ongoing
2	Report instances of fly tipping to the Parish Council	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
2	Ensure resident's awareness of Neighbourhood Watch	Parish Council	Ongoing
2	Maintain regular contact with Beat Officer	Parish Council	Ongoing
1, 2	Present the results of the Parish Plan survey to Police authorities and our Beat Officer (specifically: speeding, vandalism and police presence)	Parish Council	Ongoing
3	High profile publicity and promotion by the Village Environment Sub Committee regarding dog fouling, including signage and notices	Parish Council Environment Committee	Ongoing

What we are asking others to do			
3	Enforcement of dog fouling laws	Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
1	Consider an increase in Police visibility in the Village	Police	Ongoing

TRANSPORT

Respondents to the Parish Plan survey indicated that being in a rural community meant a high level of reliance on personal transport. Rural taxi services and voluntary transport (such as the Bourne Valley Link Scheme) are used as required, while the local bus service was considered to be poor on the basis of frequency – particularly at weekends and evenings.

There are ongoing concerns regarding the local bus service (Are services to be reduced, will bus fares rise, punctuality and reliability of service needs to improve). Our Village Transport Sub Committee will monitor and inform residents of future changes introduced by the local bus company or changes as a result of Wiltshire Council's ongoing Local Transport Plan (2011-2026). In view of current Government and Wiltshire Council budget cuts, the Parish needs to study viable alternative transport options.

AIMS

1. Improvement in bus services.
2. Improvement in community transport for those in need.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Use the bus service, so we don't lose it	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Advise residents of any planned changes to bus services, timetables and fares	Transport Sub Committee	Ongoing
2	Investigate a community mini-bus scheme, possibly in co-operation with neighbouring communities. It could be used for our youth to attend sports facilities and Youth Clubs in our area or residents' shopping trips to Amesbury. Highlight benefits of the Link Scheme	Parish Council Transport Sub Committee	Ongoing
What we are asking others to do			
1	Keep our Parish up-to-date with Local Transport Plan (2011-2026)	Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
1	Improve the efficiency of bus services taking into account resident's requirements	Wilts & Dorset Bus Co.	Ongoing
1	Assist in better awareness of Bourne Valley Link Scheme	B.V.L.S.	Ongoing
1, 3	In view of budget cuts by Government, Wiltshire Council and service providers (2011-13), consider if any community provided services are a viable alternative option	Parish Council	Ongoing

CHAPTER 2

The most important part of the Parish Plan are the issues identified by residents that can be actioned by the Parish Council and the residents of the village.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Only 61 per cent of respondents believe that the Parish Council are fully aware, or quite aware, of local concerns. In reality, the Parish Council is proactive as regards the village, the Bourne Valley Alliance of Parishes and the Amesbury Area Board – but this is not always recognised by village residents. There is a clear need for the Parish Council to better communicate its role and what it is achieving for residents – using village notice boards, parish magazine, village e-mail register, mail drops and encouraging residents to attend the Parish AGM and visit the village website more frequently.



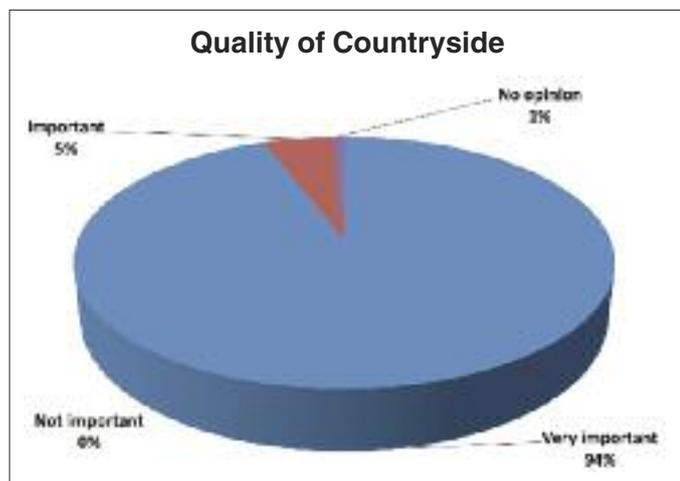
AIMS

1. Improve the perceived standing of the Parish Council among residents.
2. Improve communication between the Parish Council and all residents.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
2	Pass your concerns of everyday life on to any Parish Councillor to ensure your views are known to the Parish Council	Individuals	Ongoing
2	Regularly note parish information (including meeting dates) from the village noticeboards and website and attend meetings when the agenda relates to your concerns, particularly regarding planning issues	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Keep up-to-date with Parish Council business with a weekly/monthly visit to our village website (allingtonwithboscombe-parish.co.uk)	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Produce a Village Welcome Pack for new residents	Village Life Committee	Ongoing
1	Improve flow of information via noticeboards, letter drops, use of parish magazine and website. Introduce a Village Newsletter	All Sub Committees	Ongoing
2	Form a Village e-mail register for speedy and timely information flow (already being actioned)	Village Life Committee	Ongoing
2	Make the Parish Council Annual General Meeting more of an 'event' each year for all residents	Parish Council	Ongoing

QUALITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

Virtually all respondents expressed the view that the countryside and environment surrounding the villages is very important and do not want change. The Parish Council takes seriously its role in local planning issues and is totally committed to maintaining the vistas that residents enjoy.



We have the good fortune to be surrounded, and so protected, by farmland but we should not be complacent. Of note is East Farm, Queen Manor Farm and the RSPB Manor Farm and Winterbourne Downs Nature Reserve – all border our village.

East Farm extends around 280 acres of which about 232 acres is arable and 48 acres is permanent pasture. The two local fields belonging to the RSPB include New Field and Curtis Field. New Field is a 14 ha triangular field immediately north east of the village adjacent to a public footpath. Curtis Field is a long 29 ha field in the far east of the parish, lying between Wyndham Lane and the beech shelterbelt, which forms the parish boundary with Newton Toney.

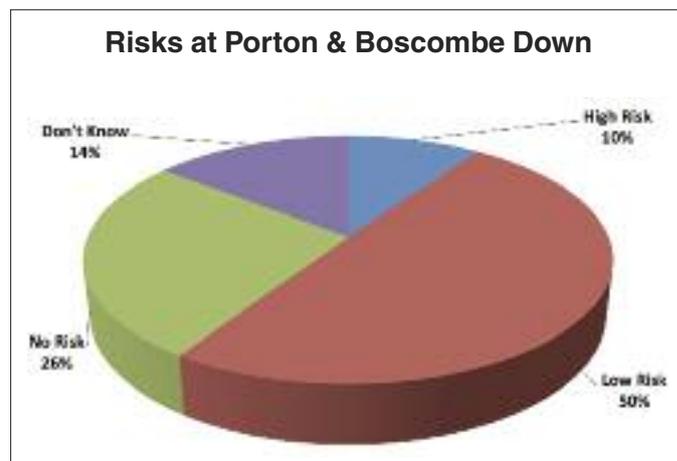
Queen Manor Farm, on the borders of Allington and Boscombe, covers 315 acres of arable farmland (not including woods).

Other farmland includes: Wyndham Farm, 160 acres; Charity Farm, 75 acres on Newton Toney road, Allington;



Bourne Valley Farm that includes 25 acres at the north end of Allington and Cloudlands Farm that includes 25 acres close to the centre of Allington.

Besides farmers and landowners, our local landowning neighbours include the Porton Down Establishment and Boscombe Down Airfield. The Parish Plan Survey indicates that over 76 per cent of respondents consider the operating and material movement risks at these two establishments to be low or of no risk.



The Parish Council is a member of the Bourne Valley Alliance of five parishes and maintains regular communication with Porton, DSTL, the Army operating on Salisbury Plain, Boscombe Down Airfield and their late night flying programme – and this will continue.

As to the environment within the villages, residents reacted positively to maintaining the current village grass cutting contract and the majority want more organised litter picks, improved footpaths and footpath signs and support a move for the open areas through the villages to have more flower displays.

Dog fouling in the villages was considered to be the most significant issue requiring immediate attention (77 per cent of respondents called for action) by the Village Environment Sub Committee.



AIMS

1. Maintain an appealing and tidy village environment.
2. Address the serious issue of dog fouling.
3. Protect the rural character of the village by resisting inappropriate planning decisions.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Maintain tidy front gardens	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Be respectful of local landowner's property	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Support regular litter-picks, bulb planting and other activities organised by the Environment Committee and consider joining said Committee	Individuals	Ongoing
2	If you are a dog owner, be considerate and clear up after your dog(s)	Individuals	Ongoing
2	If you witness dog fouling, approach and discuss with the individual concerned. Persistent offenders should be reported to the Parish Council	Individuals	Ongoing
3	Monitor planning notices and formally comment if appropriate	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Install bird boxes or bird feeders in your garden to encourage wildlife	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Report fly tipping incidents to the Parish Council	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Report blocked drainage ditches close to your property to the Parish Council	Individual	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1, 2	Form a Village Environment Sub Committee (already actioned) to consider and action plans that will improve the village environment		Ongoing
1	Publicise late night flying programmes issued by Boscombe	Parish Council	Ongoing
1	Maintain existing grass cutting contracts, tree maintenance, hedge cutting, bulb planting and assist the PCC with churchyard maintenance	Parish Council Environment Committee	Ongoing
2	Maintain high profile publicity relating to dog fouling. Use of dog fouling signs, parish magazine and village noticeboard. Persistent offenders to be written to by the Parish Council and if necessary, reported to Wiltshire Council	Parish Council and Environment Committee	Ongoing
1, 3	Ensure the Annual Precept set by the Parish Council reflects extra-ordinary expenditure for some of the Parish Plan projects	Parish Council	Ongoing

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we are asking others to do			
1	More timely grass and hedge cutting along the A338 within our two villages	Wiltshire Council Parish Steward	Ongoing
1	Maintain sand/salt stocks in Grit bins	Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
1	Maintain open splays of hedges at all junctions on to the A338	Parish Steward	Ongoing
2	Be more aggressive in implementing dog fouling offences	Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
1	Inform the Parish Council about decisions that affect the rural character of the village	Wilts Council Service Providers	Ongoing
1	Improve the maintenance of the Ford (bottom of Wyndham Lane) to keep it tidy and free from flooding	Wiltshire Council Parish Steward	Winter and Spring



PART OF BOURNE VIEW – THAT WAS BUILT IN 1948.



SYMPATHIC DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGE PROPERTIES.



MOST RECENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN ALLINGTON.



CHURCH CLOSE, BOSCOMBE. MOST RECENT REBUILD IN FOREGROUND.



WYNDHAM LANE AND ALLINGTON TRACK JUNCTIONS.



OPEN COUNTRYSIDE APPROACH TO ALLINGTON FROM HOLDERTON.



BOSCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB.



TIDWORTH ROAD, BOSCOMBE.



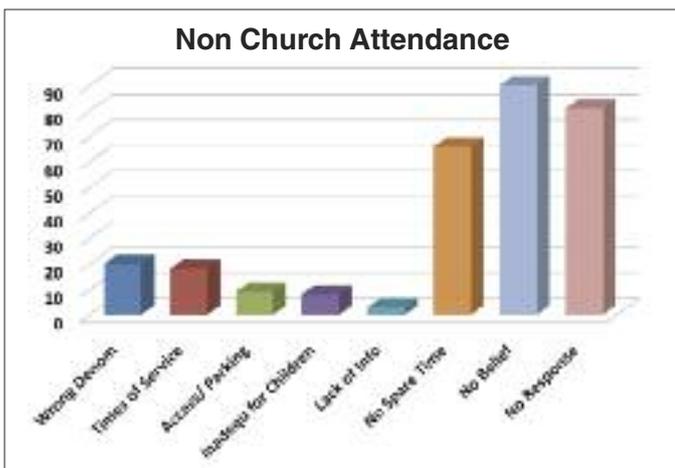
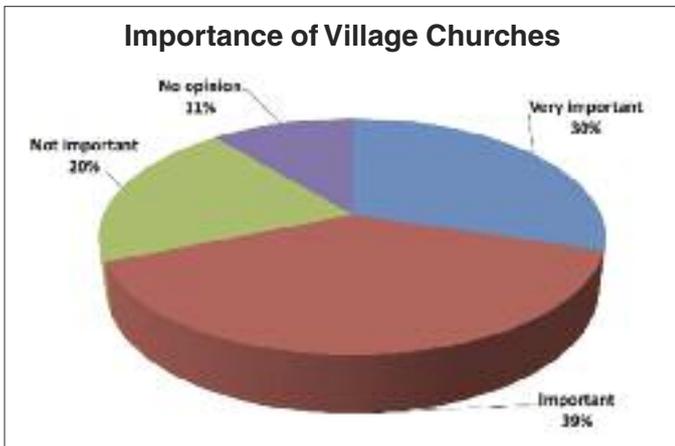
NORTH END OF ALLINGTON.

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Over the last 10 years the village has lost most of its amenities – Post Office, Shop and Garage. 85 per cent of respondents felt that The Old Inn in Allington and the Earl of Normanton in Boscombe remain important to village life.

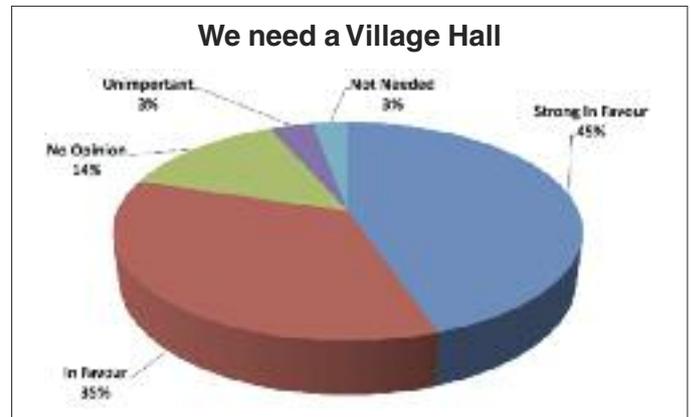


68 per cent of respondents considered the Church to be an important or very important part of village life. Sadly, the Allington Church closed for public worship in 2010 leaving St. Andrews (Boscombe) as our only place of worship. However, St. John the Baptist Church in Allington has now been transferred to Friends of Friendless Churches (2011). The Parish Council and Village Life Sub Committee will be working closely with this charity to keep the church at the centre of Allington village life.



67 per cent of respondents accepted the historic importance of St. Andrews but when asked why respondents did not attend services, 186 out of 277 indicated that they had no time, wrong denomination or no belief. The Church of St. Andrew's is an amenity that is available for a variety of uses and the Village Life Sub Committee will be looking to work more closely with the Church to see how it can raise its profile within village life in the coming years.

The most significant response from respondents regarding Village Amenities was the need for a Village Hall. For years, the village has been given access to The Boscombe Social Club for various events but there is a need for a facility that better caters for the youth of the village while also meeting the needs of all residents, young and old. Virtually 80 per cent of respondents are in agreement.



The Youth and Village Life Sub Committee and Parish Council are very aware of this issue and are already assessing its feasibility. The village does have funds to help buy a piece of land – but the availability of such land is an issue that is currently under investigation by a Village Hall Sub Committee. It has been established that there are numerous grants available to build a village hall, but its now a case of preparing a plan, acquiring land, raising funds and bringing the project to fruition. It will take more time, more work and more fundraising but is a high priority for the Parish Council, Village Committees and residents.

In the meantime, the only meeting facility available to the village is Boscombe Social Club – much appreciated by the community. Residents, the Parish Council and Parish Plan Sub Committees should maintain their support of the Club and its facilities.

The village play park was upgraded, including the installation of new equipment, with an investment of £10,000 (from R2 monies) by the Parish Council in 2009/2010. Subject to a maintenance contract, the youth of the village now need to be encouraged to take 'ownership' of the play park to keep it tidy and safe.

AIMS

1. Maintain and support current amenities such as our village pubs, play park, churches, Boscombe Social Club and the visiting Mobile Library Service.
2. Investigate and plan for a Village Hall and recreational facilities.
3. Consider introduction of other amenities – such as a village or farm shop and/or regular mobile shops.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Support village amenities (eg. pubs, both churches, Boscombe Social Club and encourage youth to use/meet at the Play Park)	Individual	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Parish Plan Steering Committee to form a Village Life Committee to plan and organise future village events (already actioned)		Ongoing
2	Village Hall Sub Committee to investigate the purchase of land for a Village Hall and recreational facilities (already actioned)	Village Hall Committee	Ongoing
2	Implement action to support Friends of Friendless Churches to use the closed Allington Church for small social events, meetings and occasional church services	Parish Council F of FC	Ongoing
2	Work together to make more use of St. Andrew's as an amenity for the Parish	Parish Council PPC	Ongoing
2	Investigate and discuss with local traders the opportunities for mobile shop visits and/or the feasibility of a village shop	Parish Council and Village Life Committee	Ongoing
1	Maintain appearance and repairs of village benches and bus shelters	Parish Council	Ongoing
1	Ensure BT keeps our village phone box in good order	Parish Council and BT	Ongoing

VILLAGE LIFE

Despite the fact that the villages have few amenities, respondents to the Parish Plan survey were strongly in favour of enhancing 'village life' for all residents. A Village Life Sub Committee has already been formed to action a series of village events.

In the summer of 2010 the village fete/garden party was re-introduced after a gap of seven years. Bonfire night will

now be celebrated each year and monthly community lunches are now in place and well supported.

The Sub Committee are continuing to seek input from residents for future events and will establish a 'calendar of Village events' each year.

AIMS

1. Organise a series of events each year (as many as 4-5) open to all residents to enjoy and meet with each other regularly to improve the village community spirit and create interaction between residents.
2. Communicate such events and encourage participation by all residents.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Support village events, functions and fundraisers for village development	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Suggest potential events and work with the Village Life Committee to execute your plan	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Offer help, prizes and expertise for specific events	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Cash donations for fundraisers if you are unable to attend	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Form a Village Life Committee (already done)		Current
2	Produce an annual programme of village events and widely publicise using letter drops, email, noticeboards and parish magazine	Village Life Sub Committee	3-6 months
1	Hold events across the whole parish including pubs, Social Club and both churches	Village Life Sub Committee	Ongoing

YOUTH

Directly linked to improved amenities and leisure facilities was respondents' concern for the youth of the village. Supervised activities, a youth club, sport, development of village playground and free transport to Amesbury and Salisbury sports facilities are all recognised as being essential for our youth. In this regard the Parish Plan Steering Committee formed a Youth Group Sub Committee to evaluate what can be provided in the future and to prepare a development programme.

An initial Open Meeting for the youth of the village was held in the summer of 2010, attended by over 40 youngsters who were encouraged to make suggestions and have input to the programme being developed (ongoing).

While the Youth Sub Committee will work closely with the Village Life Sub Committee to make village life activities all inclusive (of all age groups), the majority of future plans are very dependent on successfully progressing plans for a Village Hall and recreational area.

AIMS

1. Form a Youth Sub Committee to study and then facilitate a youth programme (already actioned).
2. Investigate the opportunities for free travel for youth from the village to local sports/youth facilities.
3. Form a village Youth Club.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Encourage your children to join the village youth programme and as parents support the programme.	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Youth to give input to the Youth Sub Committee regarding their requirements, likes and dislikes	Individuals	Ongoing
1, 3	Support plans (and fundraising) for a Village Hall	Individuals	Ongoing
1, 3	Parents to offer any expertise they have working with youth	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Form a Youth Sub Committee (already actioned)		Ongoing
1	Ensure all adults working with youth are CRB certified	Youth Committee	Ongoing
1	Open meetings to discuss programme, events and future events with the village youth (already actioned). Minute and communicate all suggestions and planned events	Youth Committee	Ongoing
3	Secure premises/facilities and advise from Youth Action Wiltshire that would allow for the formation and running a Village Youth Club to meet on a regular basis, particularly in the school holidays	Youth Committee Youth Action Wiltshire	Ongoing
2	Study the current Amesbury Area Board pilot transport scheme in Porton for free transport to and from Salisbury	Youth Committee	6 months-1 year
1	Fundraising to support future events and the purchase of sports equipment	Youth Committee	Ongoing

FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE ROUTES

Several footpaths and bridleways run through and around our village boundaries. Respondents to the Parish Plan questionnaire were keen to see footpaths better signed, maintained and kept tidy. The Parish Council and Village Environment Sub Committee have taken this on board and are currently reviewing the footpaths, signage and accesses to all footpaths.

As regards cycle routes, there are currently none in the village. There is a current Wiltshire Council proposed cycle route (implemented in phases) from Salisbury, through Ford, Winterbourne, Porton and on to Amesbury. The Parish Council will maintain its input to Area Board and Wiltshire Council for extension of cycle routes. If and when the route reaches Boscombe, the Parish Council suggests the route should run around the back of Boscombe and Allington and meet up with the Allington Track and on down the existing bridle path to Amesbury.

AIMS

1. Maintain footpath integrity through and around the village.
2. Maintain watching brief over planned cycle routes.

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Make more use of footpaths and bridleways.	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Advise the Environment Sub Committee or Parish Council of poor footpath access/stiles and overgrowth	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Keep to footpaths and bridleways and respect the property of local landowners	Individuals	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a village			
1	Parish Council to monitor and report/action any issues regarding footpaths and bridleways to maintain all year around access	Parish Council	Ongoing
1	Organise village walks along footpaths as a way of litter picks and monitoring local footpaths	Village Life Committee Environment Committee	Minimum of Annually
What we are asking others to do			
1	Replace/repair damaged stiles (or similar) and signage on local footpaths	Wiltshire Council Local Landowners	Ongoing
2	Parish Council to maintain input to Wiltshire Council's Cycle Routes project	Wiltshire Council Amesbury Area Board	1-3 years

CONCLUSIONS

The Parish Plan questionnaire clearly indicates that village amenities are currently minimal and with the village straddling the busy A338, village life has been negatively impacted over the last decade. The majority of residents are now of the view that:

- Existing amenities should be strongly supported and that new amenities should be investigated
- Due to the lack of amenities (such as Shop, Garage, Post Office and Village Hall), interaction between residents throughout the village has suffered. Emphasis on village life projects that are all inclusive (all age groups) is the best way to improve village life and community spirit
- The Parish Plan provides the Parish Council, Village Sub Committees and all residents the way forward during 2011-2016.

THE NEXT STEP

The Allington with Boscombe Parish Plan has been adopted by the Parish Council. It will now be implemented by way of Village Sub Committees and the issues raised will be monitored for satisfactory outcomes. The Parish Council have been appraised throughout the consultation process

by the Steering Committee and are, therefore, fully aware of requirements and priorities.

The Parish Plan Steering Committee has now completed the publication of its Parish Plan and will be disbanded.

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ACTION	OUR PARISH PLAN PROCESS	DATE
Parish Council agree to instigate a Parish Plan		Spring 2009
Public Meeting held		23 June 2009
Established the Steering Committee		30 July 2009
Developed a Project Plan		August 2009 – January 2010
Applied for Funding		May 2010
Funding received		June 2010
Community Consultation (Questionnaire)		May – July 2010
Computer Analysis of Results		August – September 2010
Presentation of Results and Feedback		12 October 2010
Drafted the Parish Plan		December 2010
Adoption of Parish Plan by Parish Council		January 2011
Circulation of Parish Plan		March 2011
Implementation of the Plan		March 2011 onwards
Monitor and Review		Ongoing 2011-2016

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