

## **First Annual Review of Pidley cum Fenton Community Plan**

### **1. Introduction**

The Pidley cum Fenton Community Plan was adopted by the Parish Council in May 2016. A meeting was held on the 10th April 2017 to discuss the progress to date of the Community Plan and its future.

This document summarises the review of the first year of the Plan at the meeting and what is planned for the second year.

The Community Plan team would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped to implement the plan to date, the success of many items in the plan would not have been achieved without their participation.

If parishioners would like any additions to the plan please contact Christine Paynter by telephone 01487843865 or e-mail c.paynter@btconnect.com

### **2. Year 1 Review**

The plan for the first year was split into the four sections. This review documents what has been achieved in each section.

#### **2.1 Safety and Security**

##### **Road Safety**

The returns to the Village Questionnaire highlighted road safety as the major concern within the Parish.

Traffic calming in Warboys Road was a Year 4/5 option in the Community Plan due to the High Street/Oldhurst Road being identified as the worst roads for speeding in Pidley. At a Village Plan meeting in October 2015, attended by over 40 people, after discussions by a majority vote Warboys Road was chosen as the first site for a Local Highway Initiative (LHI) bid requesting that speed cushions be placed sympathetically, not immediately outside properties unless the resident had agreed, to reduce traffic speed.

Speed cushions were identified in the Community Plan as the cheapest option for traffic calming but with negative consequences for some residents due to noise.

The Community Plan was developed and approved before the result of this LHI application was granted at the end of May 2016.

The suggestion to reduce the width of the two gateways on the High Street and Oldhurst Road to 3.1m, the width of the gateway in Warboys Road, was rejected due to cost and that it might influence future decision by Cambs CC for (LHIs).

The cost of making the existing four interactive signs reversible was deemed too expensive and the suggestion to purchase a mobile Speed Indicator Display (SID) device to record speed data and volume of traffic will be implemented in Year 2.

The natural calming measures have been implemented with plant tubs at the entrances to Pidley and the village spruced up by cleaning or repainting signs, marker posts, post boxes, bus shelters all at a minimal cost due to help of the Community Volunteers.

Plant tubs will be introduced in Fenton in Year 2 and bulbs will be planted on approaches to Pidley and Fenton in September/October 2017 again at minimal cost.

A Community Speedwatch team was formed and trained but the approval as to where Speedwatch sites could be located in the Parish has held up implementation. A decision whether to continue with Speedwatch as a viable deterrent or to rely solely on the speed indicators and the data from the SID for speed statistics is yet to be taken by the Parish Council.

The traffic survey for Fenton by Cambs CC Highways was investigated but a suitable site could not be found on the public highway It has been proposed in Year 2 to use the Parish SID on private property in Fenton to conduct the traffic survey.

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The idea of adding the 'Fenton' name on existing Cambs CC traffic directional signage was found to be too costly (over £1500) as the original signage would have to be replaced with new signage to include the 'FENTON' direction.

### **Security**

Some members of the community have started using e-cops, the Cambridgeshire Constabulary's neighbourhood alert system which provides email alerts on local crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.

The Parish Council is planning to install CCTV to record traffic movements within the Parish as an aid to police investigations of any crimes in the area. The equipment is being funded by members of the public. A Code of Practice has been drafted and it needs to be approved by the relevant bodies before the system can be installed. The images stored will only be accessed by the police.

### **2.2. Infrastructure**

The provision of Superfast Broadband to those areas without the service in Pidley was pursued with Connect Cambridge but BT Openreach had not included those areas of Pidley in the next phase of Superfast Broadband rollout.

Anglian Water (AW) gave a presentation in October 2016 at the Parish Council meeting and actioned a leaflet drop to explain what items of waste could cause the vacuum system to malfunction. AW also supplied a map showing how premises in Pidley are connected to the vacuum system. AW have promised to supply statistics on sewer problems for the last few years. This to date has not been received. Anglian Water have also performed routine maintenance on all sewer pots and the vacuum sewerage system in 2016.

No progress has been made in getting Warboys Road reclassified to improve street lighting but traffic calming has been implemented in April 2017.

The provision of a pavement on one side of Fen Road with better lighting for this road has not yet been costed but the ownership of the verge outside the houses where the pavement could be sited needs to be identified.

The widening of the pavement on Warboys Road has been achieved by Community Volunteers and by the recent employment of a handyman by removing grass covering the pavement. The re-siting of the telegraph poles in the pavement is being investigated by the Parish Clerk.

### **Information and communications**

The new Website has been designed and successfully implemented at a minimal cost to the Parish thanks to the expertise of a Community Volunteer. The Parish Council need to decide when to delete the old website.

### **Facilities Group and Communities**

Volunteers have maintained most of the footpaths and grass areas in the Parish and there is a 'make-shift' footpath on the grass verge to Somersham which is cut regularly by two volunteers.

The Village Pond has been improved by clearing the surrounds of weeds and bramble, replacing the fence and repairing and repainting the "duck house". Together with refurbishing the surrounding benches.

Volunteers have also performed sessions to remove the litter from the road verges in Pidley.

The first part of the Village Street Map has been sited at the Village Hall, again at minimal cost

## **Plans for Year 2**

### **Road Safety**

The main priority is to reduce the speed of traffic in the High Street and Oldhurst Road as pedestrians need to cross these roads to get to bus stops or the Village pub.

The Parish has had a successful LHI bid to introduce a pedestrian refuge near the bus stops on the High Street and to have white lines on the non-pavement sides of both roads to give the visual effect of narrowing the road width. Cambridge CC Traffic Department need to approve the siting of the pedestrian refuge. If no site is deemed suitable then other options such as chicanes or speed humps will be pursued.

A mobile SID is being purchased and will be used to conduct surveys in Fenton and Pidley.

The gateways to Fenton will have planters and mock fencing to supplement the 30mph signage.

Mock gates will be added to the gateways in Pidley.

Options for a pavement and reducing speeding in Fen Road will be investigated.

Anglian Water will be pursued to get the information concerning sewerage problems.

Connect Cambridge will be contacted to lobby for faster broadband in areas of Pidley.

### **Information and Communications**

Review how to delete 'out of date' content from the Website

Investigate the addition of local tradesmen to the website

### **Facilities, Group and Communities**

Recruit more Volunteers to help with Village maintenance

Complete stage two of the Village Street/Information Map

Provide a Street/Information Map for Fenton