



TOMORROW'S TARPORLEY

Summary of the Parish Plan

Tarporley Parish Council has supported the Parish Plan from conception to completion. At its meeting on 9th July 2007 the Parish Council resolved to adopt the Plan prepared by a Steering Group of local residents, to take forward the actions identified in the Plan and to regularly review its the progress.

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Parish Plans were promoted by the Government in its Rural White Paper (November 2000) which set out plans for the countryside. The Government wanted local communities to take more control of their own lives; to say what they want to have in their own neighbourhoods; and to engage with other authorities and organisations to achieve their aspirations.

In 2005 Tarporley Parish Council decided it would be beneficial for a Parish Plan to be prepared and sought volunteers from the village community to form a Steering Group to undertake the work. The Steering Group decided its aim should be:

*“To develop a Parish Plan that encompasses the past, present and future needs of Tarporley. The Plan will set out the views of local residents to help evolve the village for the future whilst recognising its historic traditions. A Plan that;
unites our community
enhances our future
respects our heritage.*

A means of working towards tomorrow’s Tarporley.”

The Steering Group carried out extensive consultations with households, businesses, schools, clubs, societies and other organisations to identify issues of particular concern. Further consultation via a detailed household survey helped to clarify the importance of the issues and some possible courses of action.

Key issues are:

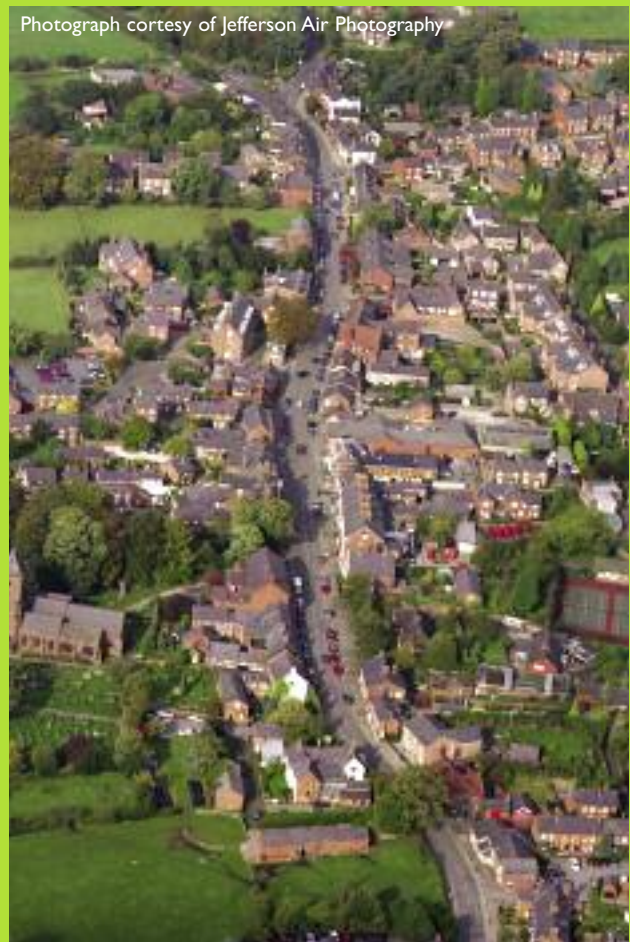
- Retaining the viability and variety of commerce in the village
- Traffic and parking problems, especially in High Street
- Insufficient sports facilities in the village
- The future of the Community Centre
- Ensuring the heritage of the village is conserved and the rural environment protected.

An Action Plan was drafted setting out ways of overcoming these problems or identifying the need for other authorities to address them. The public was invited to indicate its view on priorities for action.

Major projects include:

- Setting up a farmers’ or country market in Tarporley
- Reducing congestion in High Street by re-routing the school buses and limiting shop/business vehicle delivery times
- Setting up a dog anti-fouling campaign
- Working with the High School to develop sports facilities for the community
- Undertaking a major refurbishment of the Community Centre
- Establishing a village information and tourist information point or centre.

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Aerial View of Tarporley, Cheshire
(a village in the North West of England)

Copies of the full report, “Tomorrow’s Tarporley, the Parish Plan” can be obtained, free of charge, from:

The Clerk to the Parish Council or Tarporley Library and viewed at: www.tarporley.org.uk

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From the results of the household questionnaires and the many consultation events in the village, this Action Plan was drawn up by the Steering Group. The voting at the Action Plan Consultation Event, which was held in May 2007, was also used to prioritise the actions as high, medium and low. Timescales of short (within the next 2 years), medium (within the next 5 years) and long (over 5 years) were applied to each action. Finally the organisations, which might be the lead players in undertaking each action, were assigned.

Category	Action	Priority	Time – scale	Lead Organisation
VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY				
1	To set up a farmers' / country market for the sale of local produce.	high	short	Business Association, Parish Council (PC)
2	To campaign for more low cost housing to be provided in the village.	medium	medium	PC
3	To investigate how the two parts of High Street (north and south of Manor House) might be better integrated into one shopping street.	medium	short	PC
4	To campaign for more accommodation for older people to be provided in the village.	medium	medium	PC, Age Concern Cheshire
5	To investigate introducing a local shopping loyalty card for residents.	low	medium	Business Association, PC
6	To promote Tarporley as a place to shop and as a place to visit.	low	medium	Vale Royal Borough Council (VRBC) Business Association
7	To produce local publicity materials, local postcards, calendars etc.	low	medium	VRBC
TRANSPORT, PARKING AND ROADS				
8	To reduce congestion in High Street by - re-routing the school buses. - limiting the times that large vehicles can deliver to the shops and/or having dedicated unloading bays.	high	medium	Cheshire County Council (CCC) PC
9	To establish time limited parking along High Street and in the car park behind the Rising Sun.	medium	medium	VRBC PC
10	To obtain an improvement in the local road and pavement surfaces.	medium	medium	CCC PC
11	To increase the provision of off-street parking in the centre of the village.	medium	long	VRBC PC
12	To campaign for the re-opening of Beeston Station.	medium	short	J. Doug Haynes
13	To improve vehicle access onto the bypass from the southern end of the village (from Nantwich Road).	high	medium	CCC PC
14	To encourage use of public transport by publicising the local bus service.	low	medium	CCC PC
VILLAGE APPEARANCE				
15	To set up a "Dog Anti-fouling" campaign.	high	short	PC, VRBC, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

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VILLAGE APPEARANCE continued...				
16	To improve the visual appearance of - the roundabout at the northern entrance into Tarporley. - the southern entrance into the village from the bypass.	high	medium	CCC PC VRBC
17	To start a “Keep Tarporley Tidy” campaign, which would be both educational and practical.	medium	short	PC, Local schools, PCSO
18	To investigate options for how the land leading to the Done Room might be brought into public use.	medium	medium	Parochial Church Council, PC
19	To provide more litter bins within the village.	low	medium	PC VRBC
20	To establish a village amenity society.	low	long	PC with local volunteers
21	To improve the vehicle and pedestrian access to the Done Room.	low	long	Parochial Church Council
SPORTS AND LEISURE				
22	To work with the High School to develop sports facilities/ sports centre for year round use by the community as well as the school.	high	medium	CCC, PC, local sports group
23	To improve the sports facilities available in and around the village by obtaining land to provide facilities such as football pitches, cricket field, squash courts, with club house and changing facilities, and a swimming pool.	high	long	CCC, PC local sports group
24	To provide a means of transport for young people to get to the Tattenhall skate park at the Bone Yard.	low	short	Local church youth groups, PC
25	To investigate the setting up of a skate park in Tarporley.	low	long	Local volunteers
26	To develop a means of transport to enable local people to have easy access to the new sports facilities proposed for Winsford.	low	medium	PC, VRBC
COMMUNITY CENTRE				
27	To seek funding to undertake a major refurbishment.	high	medium	Its management committee
28	To investigate the feasibility of the Centre being run by paid staff, with set opening hours.	high	medium	Its management committee
29	To expand facilities with particular emphasis on those for older people and young people.	medium	medium	Its management committee
30	To provide an Access Point with computer and internet facilities.	low	medium	PC, Its management committee
VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION				
31	To establish a village information and tourist information point/centre, in conjunction with a village museum.	high	long	VRBC, PC
32	To relocate the library to a more central position within the village so that it is more accessible to local people.	high	long	CCC, PC
33	To hold a regular village open day for the clubs, societies and organisations to publicise their work/events.	medium	short	PC, the organisations
34	To improve the means of communication about local news and events around the village.	medium	medium	PC
35	To hold a training/information event about applying for grants etc for local clubs and organisations.	low	short	PC, Vale Royal Voluntary Action