



ILMINGTON PARISH PLAN

Action plan

A REPORT FROM THE STEERING GROUP

This action plan focuses on issues raised during 2004/5 in public consultations and in the response to a survey by 249 households (79 per cent of the parish). It proposes action on these issues in the interests of the whole parish.

Together with the accompanying parish plan and village design statement, this action plan has been adopted by the parish council who will:

- refer this action plan to Stratford on Avon District Council, Warwickshire County Council and other partners as appropriate.
- take steps necessary to put it into effect.

Actions raised in the village design statement will be referred to the district council as a material consideration to be used in conjunction with the emerging Stratford on Avon District Local Plan.

We recommend that the parish council includes the action plan as a regular item on its agenda, reports its progress to the community and sets up a working group of local people who are willing to help act on it.

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the parish council: the chairman is Tony Wilkins at Church View, Back Street (682 037) and the clerk is Mrs Sylvia Gardner at Park Cottage, Campden Hill (682 250).

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ISSUES	ACTION	WHO CAN HELP?	TIMESCALE
LAW AND ORDER			
Low level of satisfaction with community policing	PC to invite police to discuss concerns and seek assurances on future policing	PC; Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch; Stour Power; Shipston on Stour Community Police Team	3 months
	PC to invite the police to attend all parish council meetings; their attendance and a report to be published regularly		3 months
UTILITIES			
Frequent electricity failures. Better information from the provider requested	Residents and businesses to report problems directly to Central Networks and to PC	Residents and businesses	begun
	PC to inform Central Networks and county councillor and to lobby for trimming of trees close to overhead cables	PC; Central Networks; county councillor	6 months
63% of households want overhead telephone and power cables to be reduced or removed	PC to inform Central Networks and British Telecom	PC; WCC; British Telecom; Central Networks	6 months
	PC to get information on wayleaves from Central Networks and make it available to the parish		
54% of households want to be connected to mains gas	PC to make representations to the providers on their behalf	PC; WCC; Transco; ES Pipelines (www.espipelines.com)	begun
Persistent drainage and sewage problems in the lower village on highway and private property	PC to continue reporting disquiet to authorities backed up by findings of parish plan consultations so that a long-term solution is found.	PC; Severn Trent; environmental health departments at SDC and WCC	begun
	PC to invite volunteers to form a pressure group		6 months
Water supply affected by power failures at pumping station	After meetings with Severn Trent a permanent standby generator was installed	PC; SG; Severn Trent	completed

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UTILITIES <i>continued</i>			
Safety lighting requested along Mickleton road approaching the playing field	PC and user groups to discuss and explore funding via Safe Routes to Schools scheme and WCC grants for sport	PC; WCC; user groups and youth representatives	6 months
COMMUNICATIONS			
More could be done to welcome newcomers to the village.	PC to invite a volunteer group to produce an information pack about village activities and amenities, including recycling, and to explore grants from Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)	PC; village liaison officer; volunteer group	12 months
People would find a parish web site useful for exchange of information	SG to follow up offers of help from volunteers to set up a parish web site, who will contact: the Warwickshire online website warkcom.net Stour Power about plans for a Stour Valley portal site SDC and WCC about proposals for a communities programme offered by their web developers	SDC; WCC; village groups and people; Stour Power; Rosalind Adams 01926 410410 rosalindadams@warwickshire.gov.uk	6 months
56% of households report poor mobile phone reception	SG to inform Oftel	SDC economic development office; Oftel	3 months
WASTE AND RECYCLING			
People want more information; and recycling collection of plastic waste	SG to inform SDC and request action	Chris Dobson, recycling officer at SDC; WRCC; WCC; Stour Power	3 months
Improved access and opening hours at Shipston recycling site	SG to inform WCC	WCC; Stour Power	3 months

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HOMES AND JOBS			
Over 50% of households want more affordable housing for local people	PC to invite WRCC enabling officer to survey the type and need PC to publicise procedure for those wishing to apply for housing association properties	PC; SDC housing dept.; WRCC enabling officer; South Warwickshire Housing Association	begun 3 months
56% of households want more work opportunities in the parish	SG to advise planning authorities and stakeholders of the support for craft workshops and small rural businesses	PC; SDC; Stour Power; WRCC; National Farmers Union (NFU); Rural development agency; Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	3 months

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PC: 52% of households wish to know more about how the parish rates are spent 26% think the PC publicises its activities well, 53% adequately	PC to improve its communications by: acquiring internet and email facilities providing more and better noticeboards publishing a mid-year newsletter	PC and volunteers	6 months
SDC: 11% think the DC publicises its activities well, 60% adequately WCC: 6% think the CC publicises its activities well, 56% adequately	SG to inform SDC and WCC	SDC; WCC	3 months

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ENVIRONMENT			
Dog-fouling in the village	PC to ask SDC dog warden to help in producing a leaflet for all households, and to explore ways of encouraging use of bins	PC; SDC dog warden	6 months
Request for a leaflet/book with information about parish walks and features	PC to find local support for its production, to contact Stour Power for lottery funding to produce a Stour Valley leaflet and to explore funding from Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)	PC; Stour Power (Susan Lewis); WCC countryside officer and parish paths partnership; Cotswolds Conservation Board	12 months
Some dry stone walls are poorly maintained	Training courses in dry stone walling	Cotswolds Conservation Board and voluntary wardens	begun and ongoing
Strong interest in the environment	SG to contact SDC tree officer for help: to create a wildlife habitat/nature corner in the playing field to find funding from Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk) SG and PC to find volunteers to set up a natural history group	PC; SDC tree officer; school; local groups Volunteers	9 months
Concern about the quality of design and planning decisions	SG to: draw up a village design statement invite the PC to support its recommendations and take it into account when consulted on planning ask SDC to adopt the design statement as additional guidance to the district local plan, due to be adopted in 2006, and as a material consideration in planning decisions ask author David Gresham to publish his guide to the restoration of old properties to be made available at cost	SDC PC David Gresham	completed begun 3 months 3 months

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ENVIRONMENT <i>continued</i>			
Preservation of green spaces and rural character of the village	SG to include this in the village design statement and send copies to local landowners	PC; Cotswolds Conservation Board; local landowners; Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	3 months
Wide views from the upper slopes of the parish should be preserved	SG to send the village design statement to the Forestry Commission to be taken into account in new planting, to the Cotswolds Conservation Board and to local landowners	PC; Forestry Commission (Euan Calcott 01905 761220); Cotswolds Conservation Board; local landowners including King Henry VIII Charity.	3 months

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT			
No buses to Lower Quinton surgery	Service provided through lobbying by the bus users group	PC; bus users group; bus company; Rural Transport Partnership	completed
Unsatisfactory timing of return bus service from Stratford	Improvement achieved but monitoring is needed.	Bus users group	begun
No evening bus from Stratford, timetable information to be updated	SG to advise bus users group and Stour Power	Bus users group; Stour Power	3 months
Condition of bus shelter, notice board requested	New roof fitted and repairs done	PC; WCC transport operations; Rural Transport Partnership	completed
	PC to find volunteers to improve and maintain the shelter		12 months
Community bus and car-sharing schemes requested	SG to send parish plan to interested parties	Stour Power; Rural Transport Partnership; ; Stratford on Avon District Council for Voluntary Service (CVS); Agenda 21; Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE); Liftshare; school	3 months
	PC to talk to Stratford on Avon District Council for Voluntary Service about generating volunteers		PC; Shipston volunteer bureau

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HEALTH AND WELFARE			
Insufficient information on help for the disabled, transport to medical facilities, prescription service, local support groups and emergency services	PC to ask CVS village liaison officer to draw up and publicise information on health and emergency services	PC; Stour Power; South Warwickshire patients forum; doctors surgeries; Age Concern; WRVS; Stratford on Avon District Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) (Karin Higgins 01789 262889)	6 months
82% of households support the hospital at Shipston on Stour	SG to send parish plan to the local health authority	West Midlands South Strategic Health Authority	3 months
Recent changes in NHS Direct make it difficult to reach medical services out of surgery hours	PC to raise the problem with local health authority	PC; West Midlands South Strategic Health Authority	6 months
EDUCATION			
Use of village school out of hours by adults requested	PC to liaise with the head teacher and education department	PC; head teacher; school governors; WCC education department; Stour Power	6 months
No nursery school	Head teacher is exploring this	Head teacher; governors; parents; WCC education department	begun
No school bus to Chipping Campden school (Glos)	Parents are looking for financial support	Parents; transport operators; WCC; Gloucestershire County Council	begun

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COMMUNITY	Lack of activities and opportunities for youngsters aged 11-19 to meet	Community meeting was held and volunteers came forward to organise drama, dance and sporting activities	Volunteers; Stour Power; SDC	begun
	Volunteers to build on pilot art course and sports training schemes	Volunteers; Stour Power; SDC	begun	
	Volunteers to explore funding with Youth Bank, Heart of England Community Foundation; Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)	Volunteers; Stour Power; SDC	begun	
	Volunteers to liaise with Blackwell youth club and publicise their activities	Nikki Coupland, Blackwell community liaison	3 months	
	Volunteers to explore funding to take children to other activities	Rural Transport Partnership; Kitty fund	6 months	
Young people are interested in a drama group	Drama/dance courses have been organised. Theatre lighting has been installed in the Village Hall.	Local people; DASH; Stour Power	begun	
50% of those responding to the youth survey support a youth shelter or regular meeting place	PC to explore possibility of youth shelter/regular meeting place and to contact Youth Bank, the Depot and Positive about Young People	PC; volunteer working group; DASH; Stour Power	6 months	

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COMMUNITY <i>continued</i>			
Young people would like more sports training	Meetings held and funding secured for cricket and football training	Volunteers; parents; SDC; WCC; DASH; Shipston Lions	begun
	SDC ran 3-day football training course	SDC; Sport England; local people; Ilmington multisport facility	begun
	Short-mat bowling group has been set up.		begun
	PC to press for these pilot schemes to be continued in school holidays and to explore funding from Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)	PC; volunteers; SDC sports development officer; Ilmington multisport facility	6 months
34% of households want the children's play area at the playing field improved	PC to invite volunteers to form a working group to explore the issue	PC; volunteers; Stour Power; South Warwickshire Community Development Network (Jean Sunter 02476 531282); Roger Hampshire, playground equipment and design consultant (01933 893875)	12 months
	PC to explore funding		
No public toilets for visitors or community use in the centre of the village	PC to explore feasibility and find grant funding e.g. Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)	PC; village hall trustees	12 months
Home chat group for older people requested	Wednesday Club and volunteer exploring feasibility of setting up a group	Village groups and volunteers; Age Concern (Oak Project); Stour Power	3 months
Older people concerned that there are not enough seats around the village	PC and village groups to consider action	Village groups and volunteers; Age Concern (Oak Project); Stour Power	3 months

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RECREATION			
<p>Call for new community activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> film club walking group dance group music appreciation group natural history group 	<p>pilot events and committee underway</p> <p>volunteers organising walks</p> <p>dance group has met</p> <p>monthly meetings</p> <p>volunteers to research support for meetings</p>	Local people; village hall trustees	<p>begun</p> <p>begun</p> <p>begun</p> <p>begun</p> <p>12 months</p>
<p>Change needed at the playing field:</p> <p>Improving and extending the facilities for storage, changing, and social activities were seen as important by many households</p> <p>(Resurfacing the car park and a disabled toilet were seen as two of the most important)</p>	<p>PC to complete an application to SDC for help with funding</p> <p>multisport facility and sports and social club discussing plans and to explore funding from Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)</p>	<p>PC; SDC (Lucy Workman); Football Foundation; Sport England; playing field management groups</p>	<p>6 months</p> <p>begun</p>
<p>Requests to improve the stage and heating in the village hall</p>	<p>SG to inform the village hall trustees and advise them to contact WRCC for advice on grants and an access audit</p>	<p>Trustees; WRCC (Mavis Wilkins 02476 303232); Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE)</p>	3 months
<p>35% of households supported greater use of the village hall</p>	<p>SG to inform the trustees and suggest they explore opportunities, e.g. live theatre</p>	Trustees; Live and Local	3 months

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PARKING, TRAFFIC, ROADS AND FOOTWAYS			
Dangerous and inconsiderate parking and damage to verges/greens	PC to form a working group to tackle parking issues in places identified, to consult residents and businesses and find solutions	PC; residents and businesses; PTA	6 months
	PC to consider: parking restrictions appropriate to a rural setting buying land for off-road parking options to stop parking on the greens creating designated parking places and parking strips	PC; WCC	12 months
Lack of footways on some village roads	PC to propose to CC the improvement and extension of footways, in particular Mickleton road to the playing field (supported by 47% of households); Front street below Upper green to the foot of Campden hill (39%), and Armscote road to back street (17%)	PC; WCC highways dept; SDC disability co-ordinator	12 months
	PC to explore funds from WCC Safe Routes to School	WCC (Lyn Harding)	
Speeding on approach roads	PC to inform WCC of request to extend the 30mph speed limit along Armscote road	PC; WCC	6 months
	PC to work with police to raise awareness of speeding dangers	PC; WCC accident reduction group	6 months