

Village Plan/Delivery Group

Parish Meeting Report

After a flurry of activity in 2019 and early 2020 the Delivery Group has been “quiet” over the last 18 months. The Delivery Group has been impacted by the pandemic and some of its members being involved across other, sometimes but not always, related projects. However, the Parish Council and others have continued to push forward some of the actions identified in the village plan.

Notable progress against Village Plan actions, in the last 18 months, are:

- Stuart Crooks has very kindly provided a map of the village, which is now available from the PC website to download as a PDF file. A weather-proof version is being investigated which could be made available to be installed somewhere in the village.
- A second defibrillator has been installed in the village, thanks to the efforts of John Taylor.
- Training has been undertaken by the Parish Council, in respect of planning control. The Delivery Group continue to seek progress from ELDC on the guidance and advice information that was due to be published in 2020.
- The Meridian trail has been revised and the recommended route through the village appropriately marked. If, and when, additional signage is acquired it will be marked accordingly.
- The PC has done significant work on the dog poo bins. The recommendation from EDLC is that general bins should be used where appropriate so that general litter can also be collected. The provision of a bin and bags at the village field has also helped.
- After taking advice from EDLC the overhead in maintaining publicly accessible toilets is not tenable. However, there are a number of separate initiatives being taken forward to try and provide toilets at St Peter & St Paul church and also, possibly, on the castle grounds; the latter being made available during events.
- The PC has confirmed that the newsletter will be safeguarded with the provision of printing costs should it be necessary.
- The play equipment, thanks to the PC and a group of volunteers, has now been acquired and installed.

As of July 2021, the number of actions proposed in the Village Plan stands at:

Open (but not started) – 8

Started¹ – 22

Closed – 5

Recommended for Closure (i.e awaiting approval from the PC to close) - 8

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers, the PC and members of the Delivery Group – with particular thanks to John Taylor for his work on the defibrillators.

Thankyou

Bruce Talmage (Chairman – Old Bolingbroke Village Plan Delivery Group).

¹ These include a number which we believe are complete but do not have the current status from the volunteers working on them.