

March 2023 Information Event – Opinions on Baylham Village Action Plan 2012

Issue	Para Ref.	Action	Progress	Pursue ?	Don't pursue?
Planning & Development					
1) Planning & Development Matters	5.1 5.2 5.3	Provide local planning authority with copy of Village Plan to inform of the plan and for use as Supplementary Planning Guidance	The Village Plan has had little if any influence on planning decisions hence the decision to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan	14	
2) Design Statement	5.2	Consider setting up a group to develop a draft Design Statement for the village	Will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultations	3	
Facilities and Amenities					
3) Community Shop	5.4	Set up group to investigate viability and options for a community shop	No volunteers came forward to pursue	3	1
4) Produce Sale or Exchange	5.4	Identify demand, frequency and venue for produce sale or exchange	No volunteers came forward to pursue	3	
5) Village Hall Refurbishment or Rebuilding	5.4	Consider options for refurbishment or rebuilding on present or alternative site	Alterations carried out to form a new accessible entrance, improved toilets and kitchen. Car parking area constructed	5	
6) Accessibility of Notice Board	5.4	Review location of Notice Board to make it more accessible and available for use by residents	Funding from CIL earmarked for new notice boards in village	7	
7) Church building	5.5	Consider restoration of bell tower and provision of toilet accommodation.	Kitchen and toilet facilities constructed	6	
Public Services					
8) Mobile Library	5.6	Explore possibility of library additionally serving Glebe Close	Not possible due to tight itinerary of the mobile library	1	
Commercial Services					
9) Internet Broadband	5.7	Consider setting up a group to look at options for improving broadband speed in the village	Main settlement areas now have full fibre broadband	3	
10) Mobile Phone Reception	5.7	Consider setting up a group to lobby for better reception	Better but not perfect reception in all parts of the village. Still some blackspots	9	

11) Group Buying of Heating Oil	5.7	Consider setting up small group to pursue the idea	No volunteers came forward to pursue	3	
12) Visit of Mobile Fish & Chip van	5.7	Identify demand, frequency, venue and supplier	No volunteers came forward to pursue	8	
Roads & Traffic					
13) Speeding Vehicles	5.8	Consider setting up a group to look at options re speed limit enforcement and traffic calming	No interest shown in forming group but enquiries made with Suffolk Highways – 20 mph limit for Upper Street only if parish pays the significant costs. Still pursuing a 40 mph limit for Lower Street	4	1
14) Temporary Road Closures and Diversions	5.8	Consider options for minimising disruption caused by road works	Issue still not resolved despite contact with Suffolk County Council	12	
15) Improved Passing Places and Protection of Banks & Verges	5.8	Consider options for improving passing places and preventing the erosion of roadside bank and verges	Funding from locality budget paid for two passing places	2	
Countryside & Environment					
16) Production of Footpath Map	5.9	Prepare print and display a parish public footpath map	No volunteers came forward to pursue	14	
17) Litter Picking	5.10	Identify volunteer to co-ordinate litter picking activity	Periodic litter picking sessions organised	7	
18) Churchyard Maintenance	5.10	PCC to be made aware of level of interest and pursue	Churchyard 'tidy-up' organised annually	9	
19) Tree Planting Scheme	5.10	Tree Warden to be made aware of level of interest & to pursue?	Various tree planting initiatives undertaken linked to wider schemes and funding	7	
20) Overhead Cables	5.2	Consider setting up a group to investigate placing overhead telephone and electricity cables underground.	Group not formed, situation worse with extra broadband equipment on poles and non-removal of redundant cables	6	
Leisure, Sport & Social Activities					
21) Village Fete	5.11	Consider setting up group (or sub group) to organise a village fete	A one-off 'Baylham Bash' organised but not an annual event	7	
22) Film Evenings	5.11	Consider arranging film evenings	Village Hall Committee looked into idea but licence fees make suggestion uneconomic	3	

Children & Young Persons					
23) Establish Informal Multi-use Village Recreational Area	5.12	Consider setting up group to explore options	A live issue with the Parish Meeting (Steering Group) – suitable site yet to be identified	2	
Elderly & Disabled Persons					
24) Establish a Village Support Scheme	5.15	Consider setting up a group to explore the best means of putting volunteers in touch with those who would benefit from assistance	No volunteers came forward to pursue	12	
Review & Monitoring of Village Plan					
25) Ensuring Plan Remains Current and Relevant	8.2	Village Plan should feature as an agenda item at Annual Parish Meetings	Has not happened	6	

Responses to the Question posed on the display boards:

Question : What do you cherish about living in Baylham and what changes you would like to see? –

Answers - Like about Baylham in 2023:

Rural Community – 17
 Beautiful countryside – 18
 Quietness – 18
 Community atmosphere & events like the coffee morning – 13
 Keep community small – 4
 No more big housing development – 5
 Our LOVELY landscape & places we can walk - 9

Answers – Things I'd like to see change in Baylham:

Stop littering the countryside with rubbish junk & other paraphernalia – 16
 Village Hall insulated so it can be used more / other eco improvements to climate change proof – 6
 Redecorate village hall inside – 8
 More events & activities in the village hall - 6 (plus illegible word encircled – see photo)

- Wi-fi in village hall – 1
- Dog Poo bins – 8 for & 4 against
- Poo bin emptying if installed – 5
- People hanging their dog poo on trees in bags -1
- Chase up planning violations – 14
- More bridle paths but reduce related clutter -3
- Don't join spaces between villages – 7
- Consideration for Lower Street developments. Also brownfield sites, and not being able to get on it.
- Keep bus shelter area clear (& repaired) – 1
- Removal of the old 'advertising' van on rough ground by bus stop - 2
- Sign post for Circular Road - 1 for & 1 against
- Speed limit at bottom of Upper Street it is 60 mph!! – 2
- Maintenance of roads and ditches – 2
- Too much traffic speed through village – it is 30 mph and even that is too fast for a village with no footpath

NB: The figures following the responses relate to the number of dots placed on the post-it notes. No figures = no dots on post-it note.

Attendance figures:

Saturday AM (Coffee Morning)	35
Saturday PM	2
Sunday AM	12
Sunday PM	15
Total	64

Photographs

