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Report Title: <b>Village Appraisal - Preliminary Actions</b>	Agenda Item: <b>8g</b>
Meeting:	Date: <b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b>
Report by: <b>Cllr. Peter Kerry</b>	Document Number:
<b>Summary</b> To assist with the planned discussion of the village appraisal at the APM, there is a need to undertake some preparatory work. This paper proposes possible preparatory actions that could be taken to facilitate this.	
<b>General Comments</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Contact with the youth is a theme in many areas of these recommendations. It is an area that we have had difficulty with over a long while. Can we actively invite them to the APM, and take this issue up near the beginning (they may get bored)? Inviting scout leaders etc could be useful.</li><li>2. There may be some confusion as to who is responsible for what in the roads/footpaths area. A general article in the magazine to clarify who is responsible for what and how the TPC can assist could be useful. This should then be put on the website for easy reference.</li><li>3. Comments such as 'Refer to ..' The TPC should contact the relevant groups and ask for a formal response by an appropriate deadline. This way we can keep track of actions and success etc.</li></ol>	

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## Appraisal 2014 Recommended Actions

Ref	Recommendations	Possible Action	Comments
1.	The Table Tennis Club should research whether a junior Table Tennis club is possible, maybe preceding the adult group?	Refer to TT club; maybe offer of financial support would help?	
2.	The Parish Magazine should advertise for some young people to do a regular page in the Parish Magazine covering their subjects of interest.	Refer to Magazine team. Note that this might help with D of E project for teenagers. Approach local sec school?	
3.	The Parish Council should consider providing equipment for 11 -15 year olds on Westmore Green.	What is wanted? Skate board ramp was the main thing that was originally asked for. TPC to put out Questionnaire?	
4.	The Parish Council should consider providing a parish street map.	TPC has this in hand. Electronic copy to go on the web. Do we want to do a paper copy as well for villagers?	
5.	St. Mary's Church should increase the publicity about their Youth Club.	Refer to St M, can TPC help?	
6.	The Vern Association should explore ways of increasing support for its activities.	Understand that this is in hand. However we should ask them for a report on how they progress, as we are being asked to financially support them.	
7.	The Parish Council should encourage Tatsfield Primary to twin with a primary school in Vern	Ask school for response and offer some support if necessary. Skype 'pen' pals are a possibility.	
8.	The Parish Council should provide more information about hiring tennis nets	This is on web site, but a more substantial notice on the fence is needed. Action TPC.	

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9.	The Parish Magazine should list all village clubs in a 1or 2 page spread in the Parish Magazine and on the village website, with place, time and contact details.	This should be referred to the Mag Team. However this info is on the website and the magazine has info on the village groups every month.	
10.	The Parish Magazine should publicise offers of potential new clubs to find out if there is any interest.	Refer to Mag Team. I am sure that they do this when asked.	
11.	The Parish Council should consider providing extra bins/drinking fountains for the play area.	TPC to discuss what is needed. Maybe ask in the mag where there is a need? Parents and Dog walkers maybe the best contact groups. Produce plan for presenting to TDC?	
12.	Relevant information to point people in the correct direction for FE courses to be put in Parish Magazine and website	Refer to the TCAC?	
13.	Village organisations should try to improve communication with the youngsters of our village.	Yes, but how? Discuss at APM.	
14.	Interested individuals should request the Parish Council to provide improved public transport to Oxted.	Do we wait or be pro-active on this? We should be prepared to respond to this at the APM if asked.	
15.	The Speedwatch team should encourage further recruits and undertake further speed checks.	Refer to SW Team.	
16.	The Parish Council should use as many means as possible to keep the community informed of current issues and plans.	I think we already do this. Refer to the TCAC to see if there are more options.	

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17.	The Parish Council should take forward the erection of a war memorial in the village centre. They should consult further to establish more clearly what form the memorial should take and present some costed options.	Set up a War Memorial Working Group to recommend siting, design, costs and fund raising.	
18.	The Parish Council should take note of the respondents' views on spending priorities.	TPC to discuss. Some spending priorities such as crime are not within our remit. However supporting victim charity is. We need to produce an article in the Mag as to how we are addressing this.	
19.	Linda's Stores & Post Office and the Greengrocers should consider the comments made by their customers and potential customers.	Refer to the shop keepers.	
20.	The two shops could consider staying open late one day a week, make a special effort to attract people into the shops on Saturdays and make better use of the Parish Magazine to highlight what is available each month.	Refer to the shop keepers.  The magazine already does this!	
21.	Tatsfield Garage, the Old Ship, the Bakery, Beaver Water World, the Summerhouse and Tatsfield Village Club should consider the comments made by their customers and potential customers.	Similar to 19 above Ask businesses for a response.	
22.	Continue to seek to resist poor quality design and control new development to retain the characteristics of the village that people recognise and value.	Action TPC – together with 23 and 24. This will be addressed in the village plan?	

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23.	Initiate, with Tandridge Council, the process of preparing a Village Design Statement to identify and retain what people value and provide guidelines for future development and its design, with a view to adoption by the District Council as a Supplementary Planning Document	Action TPC	
24.	In conjunction with local landowners, to identify preferred locations for new development which should reflect the need for more affordable housing and smaller dwellings suitable for the elderly and young people.	Action TPC	
25.	With the Tandridge District Council, take more effective measures to advise residents and particularly neighbours of impending planning applications and improve publicity and understanding of them.	TPC to discuss. Invite proposals at APM. TDC inform neighbours. Village mag is possibly useful, but also may be too slow. Important planning items should go on Facebook.	
26.	Explore the implications of developing a Neighbourhood Plan in the future, as a village or in conjunction with other villages nearby. To learn from the experiences of others that have embarked on the process.	Action TPC – see 22 etc above.	
27.	We recommend that the following is placed on the village website and is featured in the Parish Magazine:  <i>The Government has brought all general practitioners, hospitals, dentists and NHS staff under the umbrella of two regulators. One is Monitor and the</i>	TPC to recommend action, for TCAC and the Mag team to implement.	

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	<p><i>other is the Care Quality Commission. Both are there to regulate services and to ensure they are patient focused. Monitor can be found at Wellington House, Waterloo Road. London SE1 8UG. Telephone 0203747 0000. CQC is responsible for coordinating inspection visits to hospitals, GP practices, dentists, NHS clinics, ambulance services, care homes and domiciliary care delivered at home. There is a whistle blowing telephone number 03000 616161, or one may write in confidence to CQC, National Customer Service Centre, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4PA. This may trigger the Regulator to carry out unannounced visits to specific establishments. Information is confidential and failure to comply could have serious consequences to the service providers.</i></p>		
28.	<p>This Report will be provided to the Doctors together with a list of the complaints that were received and we recommend that they take note of the comments and attempt to resolve them.</p>	<p>TPC to contact Doctors? Where is the list of complaints?</p>	
29.	<p>Surrey Police should consider the results of this appraisal.</p>	<p>TPC to send copy to Surrey Police. Focussing on Chapter 12. In general we can congratulate the police, and to ask for help/advice.</p>	
30.	<p>The Parish Council and Police should encourage residents to report all crime, however minor, so that statistics on the</p>	<p>See 29 above.</p>	

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	level of crime can be accurately maintained.		
31.	Surrey Police should be encouraged to publish clear up rates for crime in Tatsfield thereby convincing residents that their concerns are being addressed.	See 29 above	
32.	The Parish Council in co-operation with the Police should encourage the establishment of more Neighbourhood Watches in the village.	See 29 above	
33.	The Parish Council should approach the bus companies to see whether any of the above mentioned suggestions could be implemented.	TPC to send copy to bus company for responses.	
34.	Easily the worst area for parking problems is Westmore Road. The Parish Council should carry out a survey of all residents living in the made-up part of Westmore Road to see what, if anything, they would like done.	TPC to discuss at APM and decide if questionnaire is appropriate. Use results to talk with TDC. Widen road or make one way are the possible options, but has big implications.	
35.	The Parish Council should approach Surrey County Council to ask them to consider reducing the speed limit for the whole centre of the village to 20 mph. A speed table between the allotments and the Lusted Hall Road junction should also be considered to remind drivers to slow down or other traffic calming measures.	TPC to act. Moving 30 limit may be a further option to address this issue. See 36 below.	

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36.	The Parish Council should discuss the reported danger spots with Surrey Highways to try and identify appropriate action.	Send copy of report to Surrey highways dept requesting comments on chapter 13	
37.	The Parish Council should investigate the provision of a new footpath to avoid the dangerous bends on Church Lane.	TPC to act - produce action plan. Might benefit from a small working party to get this negotiated.	
38.	The Parish Council should approach Surrey, Kent and Bromley Councils to ask for signs stating that Rag Hill Road, Tatsfield Lane, Church Lane and Lusted Hall Lane are unsuitable for heavy vehicles.	See 36.	
39.	The Parish Council should keep pressure on Surrey County Council to bring the made-up village roads up to an adequate standard and keep them maintained.	TPC action?	
40.	The Parish Council should reinstate their previous policy of providing limited funding for maintaining unmade roads in the village.	TPC to respond. Article in mag clarifying the situation and the extent of TPC ability to help.	
41.	Local land owners should be asked to better maintain footpaths and stiles etc.	Is this the landowners or SCC or TPC?	
42.	Build on the interest in the historical importance of the church by further publicity and events	Refer to St M. Possibly promote the Tatsfield history web site?	
43.	Continue and possibly expand the special services for focused purposes	Refer to St M.	

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	during the year		
44.	Continue to grow the opportunities for young people within the life of St Mary's	Refer to St M.	
45.	Continue to offer opportunities for learning and discussion	Refer to St M.	
46.	Publicise the availability of the church for appropriate secular events	Refer to St M.	
47.	Ensure that those who would like a lift to church are offered one	Refer to St M.	
48.	Continue to publicise the existence of the website.	Refer to TCAC	
49.	Expand the 'local items for sale' section of the village website	Refer to TCAC. This has discussed this earlier and agreed that other local sites provide sufficient opportunities. Facebook postings are also an option that has not been used.	
50.	Include the Wallet of Walks on the village website.	Agreed – TCAC has this in hand.	
51.	The Parish Council should appoint a group to monitor the implementation of this report and should also delegate some recommended actions to this group for implementation. Priorities and timings should be agreed by these two bodies.	TPC to discuss.	

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