

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL



ACTION PLAN OF OBJECTIVES FOR 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

Objective	Reason	Budget	Timescale	Review in Oct 2021	Review in March 2022
1. Effectively manage the trees on Council land by following through on Tree Survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleviate any community concerns that trees are not being properly managed. • Ensure safety of public areas. • Enable the Council to budget effectively. 		<p>Monitor Trees around the parish on a regular basis with the help of Open Spaces and Burial Ground contractors.</p> <p>The next Buckinghamshire Council Tree Survey is due to take place in April 2022.</p>		<p>Made contact with Bucks Council in Feb & again in March 2022. No response as yet – to chase.</p>
2. Ensure there is sufficient space in the Burial Ground well into the future by developing a new area for burials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no action taken, burial ground will eventually reach full capacity • Need to have plans and phased timetable in place so as to have new area prepared in good time. 		<p>Prepare area for new plots in existing burial ground area in summer 2021. Start clearing new area in Autumn/Winter 2021 following discussions with Tree Surgeons. Map out new area with burial & cremation plots following next Burial Ground Committee.</p>		<p>New area cleared. Wildflower planting to take place. Burial plot map to be established with mapping & grave digger during 2022.</p>
3. To improve management of cemetery by creating a map of the graves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be able to identify effectively where graves are situated. 		<p>Draw up a timetable to achieve mapping of graves and review at Burial Ground Committee on 17th June</p>		<p>Two different mapping companies demonstrating to Burial Ground Committee in May & June 2022.</p>

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4. Ensure safety of visitors to Burial Ground by arranging a further topple test and then the repair of any loose Memorial Stones in new part of burial ground, if possible seeking funding from relatives of affected memorials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Topple test showed that a number of memorial stones were loose. Refer to Jeremy Hillsden. 		Arrange topple testing with Jeremy Hillsden, to take place by September 2021.		Topple Testing took place in May 2021.
5. Improve safety of pupils at Little Marlow School and ease congestion on School Lane by working with school and supporting its efforts to find solutions, including encouraging cycling and walking options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents concerned that pupils are at risk when walking to school • School Lane congested when children are being dropped off at/collected from school • Solutions need to be acceptable to residents, school and Parish Council 		Arrange follow up discussions with Buckinghamshire Councillor David Watson, Charles Brocklehurst, Buckinghamshire Council and Carrington Estates in June 2021 to take forward discussions regarding car parking arrangements. Work with MTC and Community Board to improve cycle links between Marlow, Little Marlow and Bourne End and bike storage facilities.		No action taken.
6. To improve our local environment and reduce carbon usage in the parish by taking action to reduce air pollution, boost wildlife conservation and encourage active transport, working in conjunction with Marlow Town Council, Bucks Council and the South West Chilterns Community Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the local environment will benefit the local community. • Marlow Town Council have started on a six month sustainability project to tackle a wide range of sustainability and environmental issues. It makes sense for us as neighbouring Parish to piggy back on this as these issues do not stop at the borders between Marlow and Little 		Appoint an LMPC representative to engage with Marlow Town Council’s sustainability consultant and attend strategy meetings. Work with MTC and Community Board to improve cycle links between Marlow, Little Marlow and Bourne End. Work with LM school and		<p>Councillor Anna Crabtree was elected.</p> <p>No action taken</p>

	<p>Marlow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Chilterns Community Board are working on active transport projects such as cycle ways which will include Little Marlow. 		<p>Clayton’s school to encourage drivers to switch off car engines when dropping off and picking up children. Encourage Bucks Council to install recycling bins with lids on the recreation ground by December 2021. Look into establishing wildflower verges around the parish. Plant more trees around the parish as part of Bucks tree planting project.</p> <p>Draw up a programme for replacing street lights in parish with LED lights.</p>	<p>Contact made – waiting for response</p> <p>Work in progress</p> <p>Initial research completed.</p>
<p>7.To help to local community organisations and groups get back on their feet after COVID by providing support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many organisations have been unable to operate during the pandemic and will require help and encouragement to restart 		<p>Make contact with one local community organisation or group per quarter</p>	<p>No action taken.</p>
<p>8.To support the development of Little Marlow Lakes Country Park by playing an active role in the Vision Group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Country Park is an asset to the local community in terms its biodiversity and wildlife and the opportunities it provides for recreational and sporting activities. 		<p>To attend first meeting of Vision Group in spring /summer 2021.</p>	<p>Vision Group was replaced by LMPC Country Park Working Group, who are taking forward work on Country Park Vision.</p>

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9.To increase usage of Abbotsbrook Hall and Pavilion and make it a greater asset to the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a venue for Community activities. To ensure income from hirers covers expenditure on Halls 		Once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted arrange a campaign to encourage more users, via: whatsapp, facebook, Target, newsletter		Regular users have returned. Adverts and articles placed in Target to encourage new hirers
10.To ensure all allotments are in use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make better use of this community asset. To cover the cost of maintaining the allotments. Encouraging more people to grow food locally and eat seasonal produce will help reduce carbon footprint. 		Hold meeting with allotment holders in April/May 2021 and appoint new warden. Confirm members of the Allotment Committee.		100% occupancy of allotments. No meeting held because of COVID restrictions. Allotment committee visited allotment to carry out inspections & allotment tidied up following visit end 2021.
11.Improve grass cutting, sign cleaning and other devolved services taken on from Bucks CC by working closely with contractors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire to provide a high quality service to parishioners 	£1767	Ongoing		Contact made with contractors at beginning of season & regular contact to monitor works schedule throughout year.

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<p>12.To improve local public transport by supporting the provision of a Community Bus in association with Marlow TC & MBPC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide parishioners who don't have transport with a local bus to Marlow • Promote through website and leaflets 	<p>£2600</p>	<p>Ongoing commitment to provide this service. Meet with stakeholders in June to discuss follow up to last year's publicity campaign to promote use of bus and again in October to review outcome and discuss finance.</p>		<p>Bus timetable leaflet created and distributed August 21 by Clerk.</p>
<p>13.To play a proactive role in the new Community Board covering our area and ensure that it serves the interests of our parishioners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Boards will be able to fund projects which support local communities • Boards deal with issues which affect our whole community such as transport, infrastructure, COVID 19 recovery, loneliness, mental health and come up with projects to tackle them 		<p>Attend quarterly meetings of Community Boards and monthly meetings of both working groups (Transport, Infrastructure, Re-opening of High Streets and Regeneration; Covid 19)</p>		<p>Cllrs Brownridge and Crabtree attended Community Board & Community Action Group meetings and reported back to parish council meetings. Bid for funding for bike racks successful and bid for Country Park funding awaiting decision.</p>

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14.To hold contested Parish Council Elections on 6 May 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More democratic to have sufficient number of candidates to enable Council to hold an election. 		Information about elections on website by April 2021. Encourage residents to vote in elections.		Election was not contested as insufficient candidates in spite of efforts made by council to encourage local residents to stand.
15.To improve communication with Parishioners by making more effective use of newsletter, website and social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to engage with a wider base of Parishioners as currently not reaching whole community. 		Produce Autumn newsletter. Explore interaction with parish council website: possible locals photo gallery. Encourage parishioners to sign up to website news alert. Regular Target article.		Regular Target article written. No newsletter but greater use of PC website, news alerts and what's app
16.To improve road safety in Little Marlow village by encouraging drivers to reduce their speed voluntarily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No support from Highways England or police for installation of a compulsory 20mph speed limit. • Pedestrians and children at risk from cars driving at 30mph 		Review with council: Launch campaign to encourage drivers to reduce speed: online, next parish council newsletter, Target article, leaflets to residents and parents of school children, posters around village.		No action.