

Parish Plan

Wickham, Hampshire

This is an evolving plan

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Introduction

What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a document setting out how we, the residents, want to see the local community evolve over the next 10 years. It provides an opportunity for the community to express their hopes for the future and also their concerns. It identifies what makes Wickham distinctive in the community's eyes so that these features can be maintained and enhanced.

This Parish Plan:

- reflects views across all parts of our community
- identifies what the people value about our community
- identifies problems as well as opportunities for our community
- identifies how Parishioners want to see the community develop for the people of the Parish
- proposes an action plan to achieve this.

Why have a Parish Plan for Wickham?

To encourage local communities to take the initiative. It is an important step in finding out, recording and making known the views and aspirations of the local community and providing a comprehensive view from all those who live in the Parish of how they wish to see it develop over the coming years. The Parish Plan is a way of making sure that changes are those that Parishioners and local businesses want to see.

A successful Parish Plan is one that has the potential to influence things. It identifies actions for us the community to undertake and actions for others. It will influence policies and decisions made by other bodies and help obtain funding for projects in the Parish.

A Parish Plan for Wickham was produced in 2004. A number of positive outcomes have resulted from the original plan, but it is now out of date and in need of replacing.

How has it been produced so far?

Preparation of the Parish Plan has included a wide ranging assessment of current and future needs of the Parish. Evidence has been gathered from a number of sources:

A Market Town Health Check was conducted by the Parish Council in 2008. This provides much of the background evidence for this plan.

In summer 2009 a questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish that asked:

- “What you like best about Wickham?”
- “What you least like about Wickham?”
- “What you would like to see improved?”

This enabled us to identify the main issues for the community.

In 2010, a further consultation with young people, “Voice for Youth”, was conducted by the Wickham Community Association in partnership with the Parish Council.

The Wickham Community Association also carried out more in-depth consultation targeted at older people, in 2010.

The results of much of the research detailed above can be found at www.wickhamparishcouncil.org. A steering group from across the community was formed in 2011 to carry on the work of the Parish Council so far.

What does it cover?

The intention is that this plan covers all the issues related to our Parish that are important to the community and where we, the community, want to see things happen.

The plan is about everyone having a chance to have their say, to share their ideas and to come up with ways to make things happen.

The plan is structured around 4 themes, based on the main issues that came out of the responses to the Parish survey in 2009 when residents were asked what people liked best, what they liked least and what they wanted to see improve. These 4 areas are:

- Community
- Environment and countryside
- Development
- Traffic and transport

This is followed by a series of actions to address the issues identified.

Who is it for?

Lots of the actions from the Parish Plan are for us, the local community - things that we can do to improve life in the Parish.

There are also actions for a wide range of bodies and organisations, including:

- our local Councillors and our Member of Parliament
- our Parish Council, City Council and County Council
- local businesses and landowners
- Police, Education and Health Authorities
- the Highways Agency
- and more.

But rather than just waiting for someone else to act, the point of the plan is to identify practical steps that anyone can take to make a difference.

What happens next?

As time moves on the needs and aspirations of the community will change as new things come in that improve things and others come along that put greater pressures on the community. The

Parish Plan needs to be an evolving process rather than a static document reflecting a point in time. The Parish Plan needs to be constantly evolving if it is to continue to be a worthwhile plan for the community.

Some aspects of this plan have been developed more than others, so in adopting the new plan, the Parish accepts that there is more work to be done on its development, whilst starting to action change in those areas that are more developed.

So far we have focused on the issues for which we have enough evidence to develop meaningful action plans. Whilst we have included other issues in the plan we have still more work to do to develop these action plans fully.

Remember this is an evolving process and we need to hear from you, as it is your plan. Please let us know your views via:

Parish Council Website <http://www.wickhamparishcouncil.org>

Twitter <http://twitter.com/WickhamPC>

Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wickham-in-Hampshire/317202102372?sk=events>

The Wickham Parish Council Clerk clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk

The ongoing development of the Parish Plan will be lead by the steering group, under the ownership and authority of the Parish Council. The steering group will review actions at six monthly intervals, reporting to the Parish Council, with a revision of the document approved by the Parish Council annually and presented at the annual Parish Assembly.

There will be regular updates on progress and requests for input and comment via the Parish Magazine and the website.

Volunteers for the steering group, whether to help with a specific issue or more generally, are welcomed. Please contact the Wickham Parish Council Clerk if you might be interested.

One of the issues that has come to light during the development of the Parish Plan is that of difficulty consulting with and engaging the community as a whole on issues that affect the community and the need to improve communication generally within the Parish. We have the monthly Parish Magazine that is widely used and delivered free of charge to all households in the Parish twice a year and the Parish Council has a website and makes use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook. However as a wider parish we do not make good use of newer social media technologies.

Action

Encourage all local organisations and service providers to make better use of social media and other new technologies to communicate. Though this might be led by the Parish Council it would not be just for council business. The aim would be to encourage all Parish organisations to use. It would be about what is going on in the Parish generally.

Thank you to all Parishioners who have contributed at any stage during the preparation of this plan, from responding to surveys, to gathering evidence, to involvement in drawing the plan together.

The Parish of Wickham – Statistics

By the end of 2010 the number of houses in the Parish was 1906. 704 of these are new dwellings at Knowle, 1000 are in Wickham village and 202 in the rural surrounds.

The population of the Parish in the 2001 Census was 2620. We await the results of the 2011 Census.

The last detailed survey results available are from the Census in 2001. These figures are out of date now but they provided a snapshot and are likely to still reflect the situation in Wickham village which hasn't changed greatly, although Knowle has seen large scale new development.

The 2001 Census found the average age of those living in the Parish to be 44, which is five years older than the average for Winchester District. Compared with other, similar settlements in Winchester District the average age was similar to that in Alresford but older than that for Bishops Waltham by 5 years and Whiteley by 7 years.

The 2001 Census showed that Wickham had 5% more retired people than Winchester District, the South East and nationally, also a higher number of permanently sick/disabled than Winchester District and the South East.

Wickham was also shown to have a higher percentage of one person pensioner households than Winchester District and the other similar settlements in the District.

The approximate social grade revealed that in 2001 Wickham had a lower population of people employed in 'AB' roles (Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional) than the other similar settlements and in the whole of Winchester District together with a significantly higher percentage of the population on state benefit, unemployed or lowest grade workers.

Action

Once the results of the 2011 Census are available, this section of the Parish Plan will be updated with the up to date statistics and the implications of any changes in demographics considered.

Ensure that future development and service provision proposals take account of the current demographic profile of the Parish to ensure its social and economic needs are met and that a balanced community is enhanced.

What makes Wickham distinctive?

The unique nature of Wickham has been again and again described in terms of the strong community and our compact village character, with rural surrounds. This is what gives us our sense of identity.

The Vision

To improve the quality of life for the residents of Wickham and Knowle by continuing to support and develop a strong community and opportunities for economic success within a high quality rural village environment.

Maintain the existing strong community and support its continued development

To continue to support and promote the strong community spirit and sense of identity of the Parish.

Support economic success and growth

To continue to support existing and new local businesses in recognition of Wickham's role as a small rural service centre providing for both the resident population and that of surrounding areas.

Continue to maintain and enhance a high quality environment and rural setting

To protect and enhance the historic character and appearance of Wickham Village and Knowle and the rural landscape surrounding them. Further, to ensure both settlements remain distinct from the proposed North Fareham Strategic Development Area.

Community

Introduction

The feature of Wickham that was most frequently identified as being the “best thing about Wickham” in the 2009 questionnaire was the community, including community spirit and sense of identity and belonging. As we did not have evidence of what it is about the community of Wickham that people like and what gives this strong spirit and identity, the Steering Group will conduct a questionnaire in 2013.

What do you think?

So that we can protect this positive feature of Wickham as things change with time, and even enhance it in the future, we need to hear from you!

What is it about Wickham that gives the strong feeling of community?

How can this be improved further?

Older People

Wickham has a higher than average number of retirees.

In July 2010 a questionnaire targeting the needs of people aged over 60 years, was sent to every household in the Parish. The aim of the questionnaire was:

- To discover individuals’ knowledge of and need for the services that are available in and around the community.
- To establish what services are felt to be missing and needed.
- To review the effectiveness and availability of services.

154 replies were received. The full report is available from Wickham Community Association (email: wickhamcentre@btinternet.com)

The principal needs found break down into:

- **Advice about services:** A high proportion of respondents needed and used advice about benefits, housing, CAB and local authority services. But a disturbing proportion do not know how to get advice.
- **Personal living support:** Quite a few had help with shopping, gardening and had good neighbours to help them. There is no organised ‘Good Neighbour’ scheme and 17 said they had need of one.
- **Transport:** was also recognised as a need (15 used the Lions minibus and 10 more said they needed help with transport.)
- **Education and Computers:** 20 respondents have an unmet desire for further education and computers.
- **Companionship:** Much of the underlying response was about being able to get about and to meet in social surroundings.

We are aware that in the early 1970’s St Nicholas Church established a number of community support groups that continue to this day. Thursday Club, Lunch Club and Community Care are good examples of this continuing voluntary care in the community. BUT, we also observe that the people running these organizations are growing older themselves. Consequently, these

support groups might be vulnerable and increasingly more limited in their scope in the future without new volunteers and ultimately leaders.

Another concern is that the relocation of the Doctor's Surgery to land behind the Community Centre will cause problems for residents who are used to the service closer to the village centre. Where personal transport is not available, community transport will be needed.

The Community Association, who commissioned the report, is aware of the problems but is not resourced to take a lead role in meeting the need. However it is exploring ways of encouraging and supporting provision for older people.

One idea being explored is to join the County's Age Concern programme providing trained 'Village Agents' who would be able to assess a person's need and put them in touch with the appropriate help.

Another solution to meet some of the established need related to our older people could be a "Good Neighbour Scheme". Such a scheme could involve cross agency support, joining all existing support networks and agencies, forming a strong network and enlarging the pool of volunteers, as well as encouraging new volunteers. The role might also include providing a central information service for older people and ensuring that transport is available to enable people to access the facilities that are available.

Regarding the transport need, the Community Partnership (see page 14) has in January 2012 set up a working group to look at ways of providing small scale local transport for Wickham and outlying Parishes in the Meon Valley and west of Wickham.

Action

Investigate the development of a Village Agent for the Parish.

Investigate the development an overarching "Good Neighbour Scheme".

Support the Community Partnership's work on developing a local transport scheme.

Young People

Our young people are the future of the Parish. Wickham has a strong Youth Club which is supported by the community and Parish Council, though recently its survival has been under threat as there has been a lack of volunteer supervisors. Establishing a similar facility for Knowle has proved more difficult but there are more opportunities now that the new community building is completed. Both settlements have a number of formal groups for young people including Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Rifle Club, Junior Football, Karate and Dance in Wickham and a new Cricket Club at Knowle. Wickham Community Association hosts a play scheme for four weeks during the summer holidays.

Wickham Church of England Primary School is a valued school within Wickham, serving the Village, Knowle and rural surrounds. There is an independent before and after school club at the school. There is a new pre-school on the school site. There is also a Sure Start Children's Centre for 0-5 year old. There is scope for increased community use of the buildings, swimming pool

and grounds should the school wish it.

There is also a Montessori Nursery School in Wickham to serve the needs of the rising 5s.

Swanmore College of Technology is the local secondary school for Wickham and Knowle. As it is some distance away, there is a school bus for children of this parish.

The following recent consultation has been carried out in Wickham with young people:

Wickham Community Association Consultation of Young People 2008. Specific to the young people of Wickham. Report www.wickhamparishcouncil.org.

Voice 4 Youth – Young Peoples Survey 2010 concluded that young people are on the whole pleased with the facilities available to them, but better facilities for sport and improvements to existing facilities were common requests. www.wickhamparishcouncil.org

Swanmore Youth Survey 2011 A survey of young people at Swanmore College of Technology whose catchment includes Wickham. The results reflected difficulty associated with the secondary school being some distance away making it difficult for young people to get involved in extra-curricular activities. Consequently many young people spend most of their leisure time meeting up with friends at their houses or in the Square. The Youth Club and recreation facilities got positive feedback and there were requests for more sports facilities and improvements to current facilities. www.wickhamparishcouncil.org

Action

Encourage and support the development of a Youth Club at Knowle.

Encourage more volunteers for the Wickham Youth Club.

Explore links between Wickham and Knowle Youth Clubs, including supporting transport between each.

Explore options for improving the access children at Swanmore College of Technology to after school activities, such as introducing flexibility in the use of school bus passes or alternative transport.

Employment and Local Business

Local business is of great importance to Wickham in terms of provision of services, employment opportunities and the overall vitality and economic success of our community.

Wickham has over 500 registered businesses. Some of these have business premises within the Parish, many of which are based around the Square. Some are run from home or are mobile. The Steering Group has identified a lack of knowledge about our business community and lack of evidence of the needs and aspirations of these many and diverse businesses. We plan to communicate with all businesses intending to identify their needs and role within the community. We will develop a communications plan to achieve this.

Wickham has a Chamber of Commerce but it is not active. One of the issues that we will investigate through the communications plan is whether the Chamber of Commerce could be resurrected, so that would be a body speaking for the business community.

Action

Develop and institute a communications plan for all local businesses.

Establish the needs and aspirations of local businesses within the context of the community.

Investigate resurrecting the Chamber of Commerce, that might speak for the business community.

Recreation and Leisure

Sport and Play Areas:

Existing Sport Areas include:

Wickham – 1 football pitch, 2 new tennis courts and a pavilion at the Recreation Ground. A multi-use-games area is planned for Wickham on the school grounds.

Knowle - 1 adult football pitch and 2 junior pitches and 1 cricket pitch on the Village Green. A multi-use-games area (MUGA) next to the Community building, which includes a tennis court.

Existing Play Areas include:

Wickham – Multi-age play equipment at the Recreation Ground. Play equipment at The Circle and at the Community Centre for under 10's. Two large skate parks at Community Centre.

Knowle - Two small and 2 larger play areas, with very little imagination. Skatepark at the end of the Village Green.

WPC has an adopted [Sports Open Space Strategy](#) provides a comprehensive framework for the provision of outdoor, public recreational space in Winchester District. It is prepared and reviewed annually in consultation with parish councils.

Aspirations

The priority should be to maintain and improve, where appropriate, current and planned facilities. In particular we should seek funding in order to replace the existing Pavilion in the Wickham Recreation Ground, which is fast approaching the end of its useful life. If additional land should be offered without caveat, that is suitable for such facilities, use of that land should be pursued without detriment to other, more immediate projects.

Any future housing development will lead to an increase in the population of the Parish. It should be incumbent upon all developers to provide Open Space Funding, to include sport and play areas, commensurate with the increase in population associated with his development. Under no circumstances should this requirement upon the developer be waived.

Action

Maintain and improve current and currently projected facilities.

Investigate funding to replace the existing pavilion on the Wickham Recreation Ground.

Ensure that all future development makes appropriate contribution to Open Space Funding, proportionate to any increase in population associated with the development.

Investigate development of further leisure opportunities for the older person.

Other Facilities:

We recognise that sport and play areas are only part of the leisure and recreation need within the Parish. Wickham Community Centre has a lot of sporting activities and leisure based activities, as do other parts of the village.

Wickham has a long and interesting history, so there is an aspiration that the village should have its own museum. A steering group exists and work is in hand to try to secure local museum space in Chesapeake Mill in the fullness of time.

Community Buildings

Wickham

The Wickham Community Centre <http://www.wickhamcentre.org.uk> is in grounds of about 1 hectare located on the north west side of the village. It is run independently by a Community Association but works with the Parish Council to provide other services, like skate parks, play areas and car parking for the school and village. The Centre has a large hall, 6 ancillary rooms of varying sizes and functions and a full alcohol, entertainment and late refreshment licence. There are IT facilities at the Community Centre that are available for use by the community.

This part of the village is in a state of change as a new Doctors' Practice and 20 new social housing units, are being built adjacent to Wickham Community Centre. Also the Wickham

Church of England Primary School is on the other side of Community Centre and has a new Head Teacher who is proactive in working in the community. Parts of the school site are being released for a new Multi Use Games Area and possibly a Scouts HQ. The intention is that this collection of the school, Community Centre and GP Practice will become a 'community campus'.

The Community Association is leading a project to develop a Partnership of all organisations involved in supporting the community of Wickham and the surrounding area, to coordinate and enhance work in the community so that the campus becomes a 'hub' for community life.

Action

Further develop the role of the Community Partnership and encourage all local organisations to become involved.

Knowle

A new **Community Centre** was opened in 2011 which comprises a large sports hall, a small community/meeting room and large catering kitchen and community office. The hall has a full alcohol, entertainment and late refreshment licence. It is owned by the Parish Council and run by the Knowle Community Buildings Association (KCBA). There is a lack of social facilities within Knowle though the Community Centre is well used.

Action

Continue to support community activities for Knowle and encourage more social activities for residents and greater participation.

Places of Worship

Wickham has a Church of England, Catholic and Muslim presence, all have good websites offering more information.

St Nicholas Church <http://www.stnicholaswickham.org.uk> (tel no 833299) is located on the A32 crossroads on the East side of the village. It has a small church room annexed to the church, used by many local groups and the North Transept is used for social functions. The church produces the Parish Magazine, a community publication with 10 editions a year. Two editions a year are distributed free to every household with sponsorship from the Parish Council.

Park Place Pastoral Centre and Catholic Church

<http://www.parkplacepastoralcentre.co.uk/index.htm> (tel no 833043/833805) off Winchester Road, offers facilities for a variety of conferences, retreats, parish study days for large or small groups and a varied programme of activities as well as mass.

A new Al Mahdi jamaat <http://www.almahdi.org.uk> (tel no 832537) will open at the end of April or beginning of May 2012. It will be the first purpose built, environmentally friendly mosque to be constructed in Britain and will sit in beautiful landscaped gardens in a rural setting on the Fontley Road. The Jamaat sees itself as an integral part of the local community and intends to demonstrate this through community activities at the new centre.

Though the **Methodist Church** has closed there is strong support for nearby churches.

Local Organisations

Wickham and Knowle have many local organisations and associations, which are extremely important to the community as a whole and undoubtedly play a significant role in Wickham's strong sense of community. However there is an impression that they struggle in getting younger people involved, which might leave them with an uncertain future. This is not currently supported by evidence so further research is required to clarify the extent of this assumed problem, including consultation with the organisations, asking them what they think are their strengths and weaknesses, establishing their needs and where they see their role in the community.

Consideration of in particular both older people and younger people within our community has highlighted issues related to availability of volunteers. It is believed that there might be people that would like to volunteer but that the opportunities to volunteer are not always evident. To raise the profile of such activity we plan to maintain a list of opportunities to volunteer and contact details on the Parish Council Website and noticeboards and published in the twice yearly Parish Magazine that is delivered free to all households and to consider hosting a Volunteers Event.

Action

Consult with local organisations and societies, to find out more about their needs within the context of the community and how they see their role within the community.

Gather evidence of the importance of the organisations and associations to the community.

Encourage joint working of different groups and more people to volunteer and get involved locally.

Explore the idea of having a volunteers event.

Introduce a list of opportunities to volunteer within the local community.

Community Events

In Wickham there are a number of annual local events that engage a large section of the community such as the Duck Race, Church Fete, May Fair and the Christmas Light Switch-on. The community at Knowle is beginning to develop its own programme of events.

Mounting these events has a number of benefits, not least of which are:

- Strengthening the sense of unity in the community members
- Encouraging co-operation between the disparate local organisations
- Advertising the Parish Council to the people
- Advertising local organisations to the people
- Demonstrating that local government cares about such things.

There is scope to develop further events. We need to identify what events would be welcomed by, and popular with, the community. A strong group of volunteers would be needed to progress this.

As 2012 is the year of the Queen's Jubilee and the London Olympics a group has been formed to progress these celebrations. It is an aspiration of this Parish Plan that such a group will continue as a Village Events Committee.

Action

Maintain a vibrant programme of local events and encourage the formation of a Village Events Committee.

Start to maintain a diary for events organisers to facilitate planning dates and rooms.

Health and Social Care

The 2001 Census indicated that Wickham has a higher percentage of people with limiting long term illness than other similar settlements in Winchester District, the whole of Winchester District, the South East and nationally.

Wickham has a busy GP surgery with a replacement building in construction. More specialist care requires visits to hospitals in Cosham, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester. Queen Alexandra Hospital is only 20 minutes by car but the others are at least 30 minutes away by car, taking much longer if using public transport.

Wickham now has a mobile NHS dental service.

As discussed in the earlier section on Older People, there are a number of volunteer groups providing services for older people such as Community Care, Thursday Club and Lunch Club. There is an ongoing need for further volunteers to help run these projects. The Good Neighbour Scheme suggested in the section on Older People might help secure the future of such volunteer support.

Crime and Safety

Wickham is part of a larger district served by the Safer Neighbourhood Police Meon Valley South Team. The introduction of the Police Community Support Officers has been well received and a new website promotes the work and priorities of the Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/central/winchester/east/1WBSNT3.htm>

The Parish Council agenda has a monthly slot for a report from the police, as well as a slot for residents to raise concerns. Information is also shared through the Police Parish Partnership Forum and the Safer Neighbourhood Panel. Increased community involvement in setting policing priorities is planned.

Recurring local issues include occasional vandalism, underage drinking, litter and dog fouling.

Problems during severe weather during 2010 have prompted the production of an Emergency Plan for Wickham outlining a local response to minor emergencies affecting Wickham including the establishment of an emergency refuge at the Community Centre if required. www.wickhamparishcouncil.org

Action

Parishioners should be encouraged to report all incidents immediately on telephone no. 101, if they suspect a crime.

Parishioners are encouraged to join Neighbourhood Watch

Local Democracy

Wickham is served by Wickham Parish Council, Winchester City Council (WCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC). Wickham borders Fareham Borough Council and residents also access facilities provided by Fareham. Details of the services each provides are easily accessible via their websites and by telephone help lines.

www.hants.gov.uk

www.winchester.gov.uk

www.fareham.gov.uk

www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk

Wickham has 11 Parish Councillors, 2 District Councillors, 1 County Councillor, 1 MP and is 6 MEPs across the South East Region.

WCC has adopted a Statement of Community Involvement that outlines how the community should be consulted on planning issues. Wickham Parish Council also has adopted a Statement of Community Engagement that outlines how the community can make its views known.

Contact details for County, District and Parish Councillors are widely advertised including on notice boards and in the Parish Magazine. Winchester City Council holds some local surgeries eg for housing issues. Access to Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council information is usually by phone or email as the offices are based in Winchester. New Customer Service Centres for both councils are improving information accessibility for residents.

Wickham Parish Council is a fully elected body with Quality Status, it adopted a Village Design Statement in 2001 and a Parish Plan in 2004.

Despite higher authority policies encouraging local decision making, the community feels that it is often unable to secure the results it would like for issues of key concern. (SDA green gaps, highway safety, suggested numbers of dwellings within the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, etc).

Action

The Parish Council will continue to strengthen the local decision making process by encouraging more residents to stand for election, maintaining an elected, well trained and qualified Parish Council and improving communication between the community and the PC.

The Parish Council will continue to represent the views of its community and ensure that these are fully represented to the relevant authorities.

Environment and Countryside

Introduction

In the 2009 questionnaire three of the top four features most frequently cited as being “what is best about Wickham” were related to the environment – the rural nature, the fact that we are a village and the Square. Overall more commented on an aspect of our environment than anything else. Also at each stage of consultation on the LDF, aspects of our environment, such as our compact village character and rural surroundings, have been highlighted as so important and needing to be retained. The 2012 questionnaire on community further highlighted this as central to our strong identity and sense of community.

The environment of Wickham was also explored in great depth in the [Market Town Health Check](#), in 2008. This provides a useful and thorough overview and includes a SWOT analysis identifying opportunities and threats. This too identified distinctive features of Wickham being that “the village is compact” and “focused on the Square” and landmarks include the fact that “the village is rural”, surrounded by farm and woodland.

Not only are features of our environment so important to residents, making Wickham a place where we enjoy living and of which we are proud, but also important making Wickham a place that visitors and tourists enjoy coming to. Now that we have the South Downs National Park on our doorstep, this will only serve to increase the number of visitors. We must maintain the attractiveness of Wickham as a place to stop rather than pass through.

As features of our environment – our historic village setting and rural surrounds - are so valued by the community of Wickham and are so important to attracting visitors, we want to protect and improve these features as things change in the future. This is supported by the Village Design Statement.

If you have any further ideas about how we might enhance and improve our environment we need to hear from you.

Maintaining the distinctive identity of Wickham

Wickham has a very distinctive identity that is important to residents, our neighbours and visitors. This is well described in the Market Town Health Check and highlighted by respondents to the 2009 questionnaire, as well as in consultation over Winchester’s LDF. In short what makes Wickham distinct is that the village is compact, focused on a 13th Century Square and closely surrounded by beautiful countryside, farmland and woodland.

However, the Market Town Health Check identified a potential threat due to the proposed Fareham SDA. The SDA has now been agreed for up to 7500 dwellings in an area surrounding Knowle and less than a mile from the edge of Wickham village. This will threaten the very features that make Wickham special, swallowing up a large part of our surrounding countryside and further threatening our environment with considerable traffic and population pressures.

The community as a whole and the Parish Council have been extremely active in campaigning against the Fareham SDA as it borders on the Winchester District and is adjacent to Wickham Parish. All must continue to campaign on this issue to protect the distinctness of Wickham, maintain the countryside and green space as far as possible and drive for infrastructure measures to deal with the consequences of such large scale development.

Specific infrastructure measures needed to deal with the consequences of such a large development on our doorstep but within a different district include:

- A new water supply to meet the needs of the new development
- Adequate sewage facilities to meet the needs of the new development, without impacting on existing settlements.
- Green buffers to prevent coalescence with neighbouring settlements.
- Redesign of local transport routes in conjunction with the development to meet the pressures of significantly increased traffic, including junction 10 of the M27.

Action

Continue to campaign in relation to the Fareham SDA, especially to maintain the countryside around Wickham and Knowle and to ensure adequate infrastructure comes with any development, as specified.

The Built Environment and Square

The mass of the village is compact and nucleated with much green space within it, and is centred on the Village Square. The Square is one of the largest Medieval Squares in England. Much of the centre of the village is a conservation area.

Residents value the Square for its attractive buildings and the shops and services it provides, as was confirmed in the 2009 questionnaire. Bridge Street and Dairymoor are also valued for their attractive buildings. These areas are also of historical importance. Some recent additions to the Square have not been in keeping. Any future development or redesign must be extremely sympathetic, enhancing rather than detracting from these positive features.

However, the Square provides a major part of Wickham's available parking and in the 2009 Questionnaire problems with parking in the Square were identified most frequently as things needing improvement. Parking in the Square is important to business and the vitality of the Square. However at the same time there is a need for balance between the open space and attractive historic environment of the Square and the need for parking.

The parking areas, hard paved areas and landscaping in The Square are in need of refurbishment and there is scope for redesigning the layout to improve the area for pedestrians, cars and buses at the same time. There has been discussion between the Parish Council, Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council regarding redesign of the Square. A proposed scheme has been prepared, but the necessary funding is not in place so wider consultation has not yet been undertaken. All parties should continue to actively push this forward. As the Square is so loved by residents any proposed scheme would be consulted on widely in the community.

St Nicholas Church is considered to be a key feature of the village. Sited to the east of the village it is separated from the Square by the A32. Opportunities to improve the link between the village

and church are encouraged through landscaping and maximising views of the church from Bridge Street and the Meon Valley Trail, as has started with the development of the Village Green. Whilst measures to improve road safety for drivers and pedestrians at the junction between A32, Bridge Street and Southwick Road are encouraged, any measures that impact on the views of the church will not be supported.

Action

Establish the needs and wants of the community in relation to the Square.

Investigate further the potential for refurbishment / redesign of the Square by Winchester City Council.

Landscape and Countryside

It is clear from responses to the 2009 Questionnaire, and more particularly from the strength of response to consultation on development related to the Fareham SDA and the Winchester District LDF, that there is a deep appreciation of our countryside and that our rural environment is of great importance to local people.

As the compact nature of the village and its rural surrounds are also highly valued development must be kept to a minimum on green fields and concentrated within the village boundary. When the Parish Council asked residents to choose between development on two sites outside of the village boundary, one on the north of the village and one on the east, most significant was the level of support for only a limited number on either site, 0-50, rather than for larger numbers.

Views into and out of the village are an important feature and reinforce our rural nature. These long reaching views can be found on the main roads and the small approach lanes. Any future development should take account of views out from and into the village and not impinge them – something that the Village Design Statement highlights.

Tree lined roads and the steep banked lanes around the village are an important characteristic of the village and rural surrounds. These should be maintained and protected – again something that the Village Design Statement highlights.

Areas of Wickham have been identified as Areas of High Archaeological Potential, e.g., The Square and parts of the Glebe Field, and of Archaeological Importance, (much of the rest of Wickham), by Winchester City Council Museum Service. Absolutely no development should take place in these areas without WCC archaeologists attending in way of ground works. From key hole archaeological investigations to date, material from the Neolithic, late Iron Age and Roman Occupation periods have been discovered on a number of sites. Three important Roman roads are known to converge on Wickham. Evidence suggests that Wickham was an important industrial centre in late Iron Age and Roman occupation periods.

Action

Any future economic or domestic development in the parish must have minimum impact on the rural nature of the parish and the countryside.

Open Space, Allotments and Rights of Way

Wickham Parish is currently well served with open spaces. The principal areas are as follows:

Wickham Common, Hundred Acres Wood, the Recreation Ground, including recently gifted land, the Railway Line, Knowle Recreation Ground, Wickham Water Meadows, the Circle, Knowle Copse and Southwick Road Cricket Pitch. These areas total approximately 63 hectares.

Aspirations

Our open spaces help define the rural character of the Parish and contribute to the open views so much enjoyed by the parishioners, and should therefore be jealously guarded. Notwithstanding the current generous provision of open spaces, new residential development should provide amenity open space for community use, in accordance with Government guidelines, proportional to the population increase engendered by their development.

Action

Ensure open spaces are maintained, improved and enhanced for the benefit of the community.

Development

Introduction

Whilst a Parish Plan is **not** a process that directly influences future built development within a community, it will have indirect influence by identifying the aspirations and needs of the community for the future. For example, any future development will need to take account of our current parking problems, and the solutions sought.

However, as the community has actively engaged in recent consultations in the development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and over proposals for Fareham's Strategic Development Area (SDA) and clearly feels so strongly about these issues, it has been decided to include this as a separate issue within the Parish Plan.

Planning for change 2011-31 – The wider context

Future development in Wickham will be defined through the Winchester City Council, Local Development Framework (LDF).

The overarching strategy behind development in the Winchester District between 2011 and 2031 will be defined in the LDF Core Strategy (CS). WCC has been developing this over recent years, during which time there has been extensive consultation at various points (Dec 2007, July 2009, Blueprint in December 2010 and Plans for Places in 2011). Residents of Wickham and the Parish Council have been extremely active in each of these consultations so far.

The CS is still being developed and the current projection is that it will be ready later in 2012.

The CS will provide strategic guidance and set the context for local plans within individual communities. The specifics of development in Wickham will follow on, being detailed in a Development Management and Allocations Document produced by WCC. There is also the opportunity for the community to specify its requirements through production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

All documents below the CS must conform with it.

The CS breaks down the Winchester District into 3 areas:

- Winchester Town
- South Hampshire Urban Area
- Market Towns and Rural Area

Wickham is within the Market Towns and Rural Area, where the principle is to maintain sustainable communities.

The vision for the Market Towns and Rural Area is:

“To support development that serves local needs in the most accessible and sustainable locations, promotes the vitality and viability of all communities, and maintains their rural character and individual settlement identity.”

The Market Towns and Rural Area is further subdivided into 4 groups of settlements based on population, access to public transport, catchment areas and service provision (shopping, health, education, community uses and employment opportunities). Wickham is grouped with Colden Common, Denmead, Kings Worthy, Swanmore, and Waltham Chase.

The current suggestion from WCC is that each of these communities should have in total 150-250 dwellings over the period 2011-2031.

The emphasis is on housing for local needs whilst protecting the rural character and settlement identity.

Planning for change 2011-2031 – The local context

Wickham's Voice

Such is the strength of opinion, the community of Wickham has been active in all parts of WCC's consultation so far, as has the Parish Council.

In 2008, when the Issues and Options were consulted on, the workshop held in Wickham was attended by over 300 people, more than any other workshop event across the district. Also, over 1000 written responses were sent to WCC from Wickham. The response from Wickham was overwhelming and strongly opposed to significant development in Wickham, concerned about retaining our compact village character and rural surrounds. The outcome was that Wickham was regraded as a level 2 settlement and the potential number of new dwellings was reduced for all level 2 settlements to a maximum of 300.

In 2009 there was consultation on the emerging CS. Again, Wickham gave a strong response with many more responses than other settlements.

At the end of 2010 WCC engaged the district in Blueprint:

The Parish Council put out two potential options being promoted by landowners / developers asking the community to vote between 2 greenfield sites for future development and asking parishioners to express their view of appropriate numbers of dwellings – 0-50, 50-100, 100-150, over 150. There were 266 responses, **most** electing for the 0-50 category and more for the site on the north of the village than that on the east.

Wickham also contributed to Blueprint with a number of individual groups completing the exercise, as well as attendees at an event arranged by the Parish Council. Wickham's response to this was summarised by WCC. Main points in the Parish Council response included:

Greater support for 0-50 houses, some for 50-100 and little for over 100.

A strong feeling that we do not need houses as Fareham SDA is on the doorstep.

That development should be gradual occurring naturally over time.

The WCC then produced "Plans for Places" which reduced the total number of dwellings for the Market Town and Rural Area, in particular for the group of settlements that includes Wickham to 150-250. It also acknowledged the individuality of settlements and the need to maintain this and that housing should be to meet local need.

The Parish Council responded to further consultation on this supporting a maximum of 100 additional dwellings in total. Also that these should preferably be phased over 20 years and that should any be on greenfield sites they should be on the north of the village. Further that any housing should address imbalance in our parish increasing family sized market housing and releasing us from the need to provide further social rented housing to serve Winchester District.

Action

The Parish Council has expressed a requirement for up to 100 new houses over the next 20 years, in order to satisfy local needs.

The community of Wickham should be encouraged to continue to take every opportunity to participate in the development of the LDF.

Particular issues for the community of Wickham affecting future development need:

Wickham is in a unique position having the Fareham SDA on its immediate doorstep. This will have far reaching consequences for Wickham and has repeatedly been shown to be a great concern for our community. There is a widely held view that if the SDA goes ahead Wickham will not need any further housing, as expressed at the WPC Blueprint Meeting 14 Dec 2010.

There is felt to be very limited space for development within the existing village boundary by infill or brownfield site development. Though sites may well become available within the village over the next 20 years, it is likely that greenfield sites would be necessary to accommodate some development. However, as the community spirit, the rural nature of Wickham and the fact that Wickham is a village are features that the community values so strongly, development must not detract from these. Also issues of traffic and parking are the biggest identified problem areas for residents, so any development must not be allowed to make this worse.

If any development is outside the current village boundary it must be continuous with the village to minimise the impact on our countryside and rural nature.

All development must be phased over 20 years, including any that is on greenfield site, so that it does meet local needs as the CS emphasises.

20 affordable houses on an exception sites on the northern boundary of the village are being built. These will be included in the number of dwellings provided over the plan period and in our required percentage of affordable houses.

Action

The PC will continue to support the views of the community in planning future housing in Wickham.

The PC may develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Wickham that is based on local need and supported by Parishioners through wide engagement.

The PC will engage with WCC in the production of the Development Management and Allocations Document for the Parish.

Traffic and Transport

Introduction

Issues related to traffic and transport were by far most frequently identified as worst about Wickham or needing improving, in the 2009 Questionnaire. Most comments were related to parking or traffic speed / road safety.

Though we have evidence that Parishioners identify traffic and parking problems, we do not have detail of what the problems are. This is an area that we need to gather greater evidence for so that we can understand the problems better and develop appropriate solutions.

We need your input. Please let us know what you think are the issues related to traffic and transport and how we might address these?

Parking

Current Situation

A random survey of 100 people parking cars in The Square was carried out 5 years ago. At that time, 95% of those surveyed declared that they were content with the car parking arrangements, found that they could park with acceptable ease and had adequate time to complete their business. However, since this survey was conducted there has been an increase in the number of people visiting Wickham Village and an increase in the number of car parking permit holders. At times it is not possible to park. Moreover, in spite of some improvement in policing that sees parking officers visit Wickham five days a week, abuse of the parking regulations continues to prevail. In addition, the Station car park is at capacity during the day, (Market Town Health Check para 8.2).

Residents living in and around the Square were consulted in 2009 on revisions to the residents' parking scheme. This led to some changes to make the scheme better suited to residents' needs.

We need up to date information to give an accurate picture of the problem. We will conduct a survey of businesses and parkers in the square and seek comments and suggestions from Parishioners.

With the advent of the South Downs National Park and the projected North of Fareham Strategic Development Area, numbers of car owners wishing to visit Wickham Village can be expected to increase. Lack of adequate car parking facilities will limit visiting shoppers and tourists to the economic detriment of the village. Economic development in The Square could be reduced or prevented due to inadequate parking provision.

Aspirations include:

Free up parking space for visitors by finding suitable parking space for some permit holders that is not in The Square. The Wickham Parish Council should explore the possibility of leasing private parking space for the use of current permit holders on a self financing.

Any development around the Square should have adequate parking facilities so that it does not put further pressure on the Square.

Carry out an efficiency study with respect to parking in The Square with a view to creating more parking space, (see Market Town Health Check para 8.2), including “access only” arrangements and one way systems. Then push forward the Square redesign project.

Encourage adequate monitoring of car parking with a view reducing abuse of the parking regulations.

Investigate the possibility of repositioning the bus stop and shelter outside The Square in order to generate additional car parking bays within The Square.

There might be scope to significantly expand the car parking area at the Station car parking site. However, the additional land required is in private ownership. While the owners may be content to lease the land for car parking purposes, the necessary funds would need to be found. This requires investigation.

Encourage the return of visiting coach tours to Wickham Village. This is unlikely to be achieved unless adequate car parking space can be made free by implementing the aspirations detailed above.

Action

Conduct a survey of people parking in the Square to provide evidence of the current situation.

Survey the Wickham business community, especially the traders in the Square, to establish their views on issues related to parking.

Once we have this evidence then to fully explore possible actions as suggested.

Road Safety and Traffic Speeds

Traffic accidents

The last fatal accident in the Wickham Parish involved a collision on the Winchester Road at 2.30 pm Sunday 21 Feb 2009. One person was killed and two injured.

Between 1 Jan 2004 and 31 May 2009 there were 5 accidents, (2 serious) on the A32 within one mile of Wickham. There are frequent accidents at the traffic lights on the Winchester Road with Titchfield Lane and Blind Lane. The heavy use of Wickham Square gives rise to frequent minor collisions. The Southwick Road junction adjacent the church is so obviously dangerous that, while accidents do occur there, accidents are few. Drivers, in the main, recognise the danger. However, it is very difficult for pedestrians to cross the roads in safety. This area has been the subject of public demonstration in the past. The response of Hampshire County Council was that they were prepared to install traffic lights at this junction, (at a cost of £400k), when funds became available. This option has not been consulted on and is unlikely to achieve wide support as views of the church are considered so important.

Speeding

There is a general perception within the community that there is an issue with speeding on Hoads Hill. Despite this police surveys however do not indicate a worrying incidence of speeding down the hill. However, it is believed that no survey has been conducted early on a week day morning when speeding up the hill is prevalent.

The downward slope of the Winchester Road approach to the village from the north lends itself to speeding and it is again generally believed that there is a speeding problem here. However, police surveys again do not confirm this view. Also, hard traffic calming measures cannot be put in place while the road remains an "A" road.

Weight of traffic

There is wide spread concern within the community related to the volume and size of vehicles on the A32 and the Winchester Road.

A survey of the weight of traffic on the Winchester Road has been carried out and, is very heavy at times, causing tail-back at peak times, particularly at the traffic lights with Titchfield and Blind Lane. Of concern are the number of heavy goods vehicle that use the road, many as a "rat run" to shorten the distance between the M3 and M27 eastbound.

The dangerous junction opposite the church, mentioned earlier, causes tail-back at peak times or when there is an accident on the M27 and the Southwick Road is used as a "rat run" to avoid it.

Observation

Although Wickham has a number of traffic problems, none of them are currently acute. However, the advent of the North of Fareham Strategic Development Area can only exacerbate these problems and it is felt that we have severe traffic problems ahead of us in the future. The Parish Council should establish regular communication with Winchester City Council and Fareham Borough Council to ensure that any negative impacts on Wickham are mitigated through appropriate measures. One essential need with the advent of this scale of development, is for the M27 junction 10 to be extended so that access is possible to and from the west.

Action

Gather greater detail of the traffic and transport problems that cause Parishioners to identify traffic issues as the worst thing about Wickham so that we can understand the problems better and develop appropriate solutions.

Campaign for improvement to junction 10 on the M27 to enable traffic to and from the west.

Establish regular communication with Winchester City Council and Fareham Borough Council to ensure that any negative impacts of the SDA on Wickham are mitigated through appropriate measures

Community Transport

The Community Partnership in January 2012 set up a working group to look at ways of providing small scale local transport for Wickham and outlying parishes in the Meon Valley and west of Wickham.

Action

Work with and support the working group to achieve better local transport for Wickham.

Walking and Cycling

Using sustainable methods of transport, where realistic is important to the community. Footpaths and cycle ways within the parish are important to encourage people to walk or cycle instead of using their cars. To this end we must support and encourage improvements and extensions to these paths. In particular all new development within the village of Wickham must have pedestrian access to the Square. In Knowle any further development must continue to have good pedestrian access.

To encourage safe cycling between Knowle and Wickham, in particular access for children to cycle to and from the school from Knowle by opening up the missing part of the Old Railway Line between Wickham and Knowle.

To encourage cycling between Wickham and Knowle the existing footpath should be adapted to facilitate cyclists as well as pedestrians.

Action

Any new development in Wickham must have pedestrian access to the Square.

Encourage the opening up of the missing link of the foot and cycle path on the Old Railway Line between Knowle and Wickham, which would enable children might cycle to school and residents to cycle between Knowle and Wickham with out the danger of the A32.

The pedestrian path between Wickham and Fareham should be considered for redevelopment as a combined pedestrian and cyclist route.

Where we go next

The Parish Council and other bodies will be asked to look at the suggested actions to see how they can be incorporated into adopted strategies to bring about positive outcomes for residents.

The Parish Plan needs to be an ongoing process capable of evolving and developing over time. To this end the PP will be taken forward led by the steering group, under the ownership and authority of the Parish Council. The steering group will review actions at six monthly intervals, with an update on progress produced annually for the Parish Council.

There will be regular updates on progress and requests for input and comment via the Parish Magazine and the Parish Council website.

Volunteers for the steering group, whether to help with a specific issue or more generally, are welcomed. Please contact the Wickham Parish Council Clerk if you might be interested.

Actions

Communication

1. Encourage all local organisations and service providers to make better use of social media and other new technologies to communicate. Though this might be led by the Parish Council it would not be just for council business. The aim would be to encourage all Parish organisations to use. It would be about what is going on in the Parish generally.

Parish Statistics

2. Once the result of the 2011 Census are available, this section of the Parish Plan will be updated with the up to date statistics and the implications of any changed demographics will be considered.
3. Ensure that future development and service provision proposals take account of the current demographic profile of the Parish to ensure its social and economic needs are met and that a balanced community is enhanced.

Community

4. Engage with residents to better understand what it is about the community that makes residents so proud and what gives us our strong community spirit and sense of belonging and identity, so that we can identify specific ways to harness this and protect it in the future.

Older People

5. Investigate the development of a Village Agent for the Parish.
6. Ensure that transport is available to enable people to access the facilities that are available and support the Community Partnership's work on developing a local transport scheme.
7. Form a partnership of all agencies supporting older people with the intention of:
 - Providing a central information service for older people.
 - Enlarging the existing support network for older people, particularly providing social care and to enable an overarching Good Neighbour Scheme to be established with cross agency support and a good structure of active volunteers.

Younger People

8. Encourage and support the development of a Youth Club at Knowle.
9. Encourage more volunteers for the Wickham Youth Club.

10. Explore links between Wickham and Knowle Youth Clubs, including supporting transport between each.
11. Explore options for improving the access children at Swanmore College of Technology to after school activities, such as introducing flexibility in the use of school bus passes or alternative transport.

Employment and Local Business

12. Develop and institute a communications plan for all local businesses.
13. Establish the needs and aspirations of local businesses within the context of the community.
14. Investigate resurrecting the Chamber of Commerce that might speak for the business community.

Recreation and Leisure

15. Maintain and improve current and currently projected facilities.
16. Investigate funding to replace the existing pavilion on the Wickham Recreation Ground.
17. Ensure that all future development makes appropriate contribution to Open Space Funding, proportionate to any increase in population associated with the development.
18. Investigate development of further leisure opportunities for the older person.

Community Buildings

19. Further develop the role of the Community Partnership and encourage all local organisations to become involved.
20. Continue to support community activities for Knowle and encourage more social activities for residents and greater participation.

Local Organisations

21. Consult with local organisations and societies, to find out more about their needs within the context of the community and how they see their role within the community.
22. Gather evidence of the importance of the organisations and associations to the community.
23. Encourage joint working of different groups and more people to volunteer and get involved locally.
24. Explore the idea of having a volunteers event.

25. Introduce a list of opportunities to volunteer within the local community.

Local Events

26. Maintain a vibrant programme of local events and encourage the formation of a Village Events Committee.

27. Start to maintain a diary for events organisers to facilitate planning dates and rooms.

Crime and Safety

28. Parishioners should be encouraged to report all incidents immediately on tel no 101, if they suspect a crime.

29. Parishioners are encouraged to join Neighbourhood Watch

Democracy

30. The Parish Council should strengthen the local decision making process by encouraging more residents to stand for election, maintaining an elected, well trained and qualified Parish Council and improving communication between the community and the PC.

31. The Parish Council should ensure that it represents the views of its community and that these are fully represented to the relevant authorities.

Environment

32. Continue to campaign in relation to the Fareham SDA, especially to maintain the countryside around Wickham and Knowle and to ensure adequate infrastructure comes with any development, as specified.

33. Establish the needs and wants of the community in relation to the Square.

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