

CLOPTON
5 YEAR
VILLAGE PLAN
(DRAFT)

April 2011

Formulation of the Clopton 5 Year Village Plan

At a special meeting held on 22 March 2011, the Parish Council considered the results of the Clopton Village Plan Questionnaire which had been compiled earlier in the month.

The objective was to consider various proposals for inclusion into a draft Village Plan which is to be presented to the Village residents at a public meeting to be held in Clopton Village Hall on Thursday 12 May 2011. The outcome of that meeting should allow a Village Plan to be finalised which would then provide a framework for the development of the Village over the subsequent 5 years.

In deciding which proposals to include in the draft plan, the Council took account of available resources and of what could be considered as realistic, bearing in mind the financial constraints with which the Council will be faced.

The most pressing issues centre around the fact that the Village lacks community spirit. This stems partly from the fact that it is quite geographically spread out and 'straggly', but also because there are no annual events to bring residents together.

There are quite a number of things which can be done to improve this and the Council identified 4 project areas into which these can be grouped and which are presented in the draft 5 Year Plan, attached at Annex A.

Other issues discussed by the Council were as follows:

- The refurbishment of the children's play area was mentioned in the questionnaire results, but this has recently been completed.
- It would be difficult to organise child-care in the Village
- The Parish Council would be willing to support anyone who might be willing to organise any activities for children. However, it was noted that there are many statutory regulations with which anyone working with children must comply.
- The Business questionnaire did not raise any issues which the Parish Council felt able to address.

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PROJECT	YEAR 1	YEARS 2-5
1 Improve communications between the Parish Council and the Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Improve notices b Improve and maintain/update the web-site c Improve the Newsletter - include advertising Introduce an Annual Booklet for each d household e Provide a map of local footpaths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Provide circular walks in and around the Village b Offer monthly guided walks
2 Improve the Village general appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Organise an annual litter pick in the Village b Regular cutting of the verge by village sign(s) c Improve drainage at Manor Rd/B1078 junction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Provide more litter bins and fido bins b Improve drainage in the playing field c Provide a nature reserve area by the concrete road d Look into areas of land which could be used for other community purposes
3 Improve safety measures & wellbeing	<p style="text-align: center;">Arrange a monthly visit of the Mobile Police Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Unit b Maintaining regular speed-checks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Organise a Neighbourhood Watch scheme b Organise a Good Neighbour Scheme
4 Bring the Village together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Arrange evenings with RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife b Consult with other villages on arranging joint adult classes in the Village Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Resurrect the Village fête on an annual basis

