

Education

Issues

- the village should fall within the catchment area of Bosbury, not Ledbury Primary School
- limited choice of secondary school and difficulty in getting free transport
- difficulty with transport for late-returning children
- Ledbury Road is unsafe for walking and cycling and school buses used are too big for the road

Action

- Discuss these issues with Herefordshire Council
 - catchment areas for primary schools
 - free transport to secondary schools
 - consider a smaller school bus
 - consider ways of organising a parent rota for collecting late-returning children

Health

Issues

- provision for the hearing impaired in the Memorial Hall
- medical services may not know the village
- a local clinic day for the elderly
- transport for less able people

Action

- provide a detailed map for medical services
- ask the Primary Care Trust about a local clinic
- provide information about local transport services for the less able

The Hall Committee to look into hearing impaired provision in the Hall

Youth

Issues

- a flat playing area
- more creative activities in the Hall
- more buses would mean more mobility
- the traffic should slow down
- the road to Ledbury isn't safe

Action

- find a flat playing area
- ask the bus companies for more buses

- do something about speed
 - find a safe way for walking to Ledbury
- The Hall Committee** to provide creative activities

Businesses

Issues

- Poor signage to local facilities and locations
- Level of local taxes
- Residents should support local businesses

Action

- Consider a directory or notice board in the Memorial Hall to publicise local business services

The Questionnaire: copies were delivered to every house in the Parish. The return was just over 50% which is considered satisfactory.

Where can I see a complete copy of the Parish Plan?

- Copies are available to see at The Memorial Hall or can be found on the Wellington Heath Website www.wellington-heath.org.uk
- Bound copies - at cost (text only LARGE PRINT on request) - see contacts below
- CD-ROMs at a small cost from Fanny Underhill - 01531 640745; email: underhillfanny@btinternet.com, or from Mary Barnett, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01531 635103

How will I know if anything is being done?

The Parish Council will report on progress on the various issues regularly, through the minutes of meetings (in the Hall, and on the Website), the quarterly Newsletters, and especially at the Annual Parish Meeting each May.

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Wellington Heath Parish Council
Businesses in the Parish



Summary of the actions to be taken following consultation with all the residents between November 2004 and December 2006.

The population of the parish is mainly in the village of Wellington Heath, and at Staplow. The consultation process revealed specific needs which are concerning us at present.

This leaflet summarises these concerns and sets out the action needed to address them; the majority to be initiated by the Parish Council.

Roads, Transport and Footpaths

Issues

- the need for a safe, clean walking route to and from Ledbury and a safe cycling route
- transport for late-returning school children
- contamination by dog fouling
- the need for improvements to storm water management

Action

- enlist the help of Herefordshire Council to promote the construction of a safe clean walking route to Ledbury
- seek provision for late returning school children
- find ways of encouraging dog owners to clean up after their pets
- improve storm water drainage throughout the parish, involving landowners as well as Herefordshire Council.

Housing and Development

Issues

- 78% of respondents to the Questionnaire thought there should be no more development
- many of these respondents thought there should be affordable housing, if there had to be any more
- the capacity of the infrastructure, visual impact, siting and impact on existing roads, proximity to other dwellings, effect on wildlife were given almost equal importance
- the preservation of the rural character of the village

Action

- conduct a Parish Housing Need Survey to identify the requirement for affordable housing, if need is confirmed, identify a suitable site
- encourage Herefordshire Council to ensure the optimal use of existing housing stock to meet local needs
- ask the public utilities and statutory agencies to determine the capacity of the existing infrastructure; the results to inform responses on planning applications

Action

- ask Herefordshire Council to consider the village for Conservation Area status
- set up a Design Guide Working Group whose findings can influence future development
- ask Herefordshire Council to identify trees for Tree Preservation Orders
- seek clarification on polytunnel control policy from Herefordshire Council
- ask Herefordshire Council formally to accept the Parish Plan as further planning guidance.

Wildlife and the Environment

Issues

- over 95% of respondents to the Questionnaire thought wildlife and landscape features should be protected
- roadside verges in particular, should be managed to protect biodiversity
- concern about bonfires
- most respondents recycle waste, and would recycle more if facilities were improved

Action

- resist any large-scale development
- encourage landowners to manage hedges and verges for minimum adverse effects on wildlife and flowers
- ask residents to consider neighbours when lighting bonfires in the village
- consider a re-cycling facility in the village
- ask Herefordshire Council for kerbside re-cycling collections
- join the Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Facilities and Groups

Issues

- suggestions for additional activities in the Memorial Hall
- location of a field for outdoor activities

Action

- find a suitable space for outdoor activities
- The Hall Committee should - consider the list of suggested activities

Community Safety

Issues

- future of Neighbourhood Watch (NWS)
- knowledge of local officers, and need for visible policing
- speed of traffic
- regular clearance of foliage around road signs

Action

- maintain progress of the re-launched NWS
- ask the police to provide visible policing
- install a map of the parish showing all houses for emergency services
- ask farmers using temporary workers to advise on behaviour
- Seek advice on traffic speed control measures and action as appropriate

Communications

Issues

- maximise the use of existing forms of communications
- introduce two-way communication with the parish Council through an active website and email access to maximise participation and enjoyment

Action

- expand the Village Website for the Hall and Parish Council activities
- establish an email address for the Parish Council and the Hall Committee
- minutes and agendas for Parish Council meetings to be available in a ring-binder in the Hall
- improve the use of the quarterly Newsletters and of "Village Voice" (Ledbury Reporter)
- provide a map of the parish showing all houses by name
- Hall Committee to provide a new "Events" board in the Hall