

APPENDIX 1B

Chairman's Report

The year ahead – 2024/25

Flooding and FLAG group

- Continue to work with various agencies and organisations on flood alleviation, mitigation and prevention. Progress drain clearance with WCC using data from Drain Guardians. Implement programme of ditch clearance in collaboration with farmers and landowners. Follow up WWT survey and report. Successful funding application from the SDC CCCF provides some funding to take this forward.

Speeding and traffic calming measures

- Working with WCC, CSWG and others using results of the speeding survey and identify possible traffic calming measures – as well as authorisation to increase the number of locations for the CSWG to carry out their surveys.
- Recruit new volunteers and deploy new speeding camera, plus sign up to a new central reporting system.

Affordable housing development

- Continue working with WRCC using results of consultation to date. Need to clarify and progress next steps.

CAG – Proposed projects include:

- Flooding issues (see above). Obtain grant funding from SDC for equipment and other community-led actions identified.
- Promote active travel eg improve footpaths, evaluate feasibility of greenway to Alcester (see below) through a study – for which we now have funding through the SDC CCCF fund.
- planting – trees in the park and rewilding of verges
- water provision in the park for future planting opportunities, now that funding from the SDC CCCF has been confirmed.
- electric vehicle charging point for the parish – working with partners on progressing various potential funding opportunities.
- working with School on climate action projects.
- ‘Community Swap Event’ later in the year.

- Planning policy and climate issues, especially in light of older or listed properties.

External funding is being sought, but some budget provision has already been made.

Footpath Survey and Repairs

- New working group of volunteers to carry out a survey of the footpath network across Great Alne (now largely complete). Results will form basis of work programme involving WCC, Community Payback Team and landowners.

Great Alne Greenway

- Preliminary contact made with Two Shires team and Sustrans, and submission of full application to SDC for Climate Change Fund for a feasibility study.
- Progression of this project now that funding has been approved.

Planting of Community Orchard

- October planting event – fruit trees and additional trees in the Coronation Copse
- Working with I Dig Trees, HoEF and WCC on the next planting plan and ongoing maintenance (including water provision).

Other plans for 2024/25

- New noticeboards in 3 village locations
- Rotation of GAPC meeting venues between GAP, School hall and Memorial Hall.
- Maintenance and replacement of equipment in the park – establishing a Friends of the Park group.
- Working with parish church on maintenance and new shed project. It is now confirmed that PCs can make financial contributions to religious organisations within the parish)
- Focus on submission of external funding applications and responses to various local government consultations
- Support for the new Head at GAPS and increased involvement with school events and projects.

- Working more closely with other local groups and organisations for the benefit of residents. Creation of a community calendar listing all local events.
- Working with HoEF team to promote opportunities for residents – volunteering, huff space visits and sessions for vulnerable residents.
- Continuing to support Chatty Café and huff space – new volunteers needed for both
- Supporting residents with cost of living issues and signposting to support