

Parish Action Plan Update 1st January 2009

1. Improve amenities in the village

- **Improve the play area and recreational provision for all ages.** ✓ In Progress
- **Improve the use of the village hall.** Use is as high. Indeed higher than it has been for many years
- **Make better use of the church as a building.**

2. Improve communication within the Parish and outside

- **Distribute parish plan.** ✓
- **Improve notice boards.** ✓ In hand
- **Resurrect the Tacolneston Talk newsletter.** This may incur an extra cost possibly from council tax. The Forncett Flyer has been successful for quite a few years and is supported by the PC.
- **Development of the website*** Up and running but with greater opportunities to include more village news if a newsletter itself is in operation

3. Improving a sense of community within the parish

- **Set up a mechanism for interested people to start clubs and societies, possibly via the website*.** There is currently little new that is taking shape. However, long established groups are still running successfully and with a newsletter the potential exists for exploring different activities, hopefully some directed towards the young, although this may require village funding.
- **Set up rambling club.** The arrival of a new map board with designated and recommended walks will contribute to better use of the local footpaths, though leaflets would need to be produced and publicised.
- **Expand facilities for older members of the community.** A specific survey needs to be undertaken of 60+ to find out from a list of leisure opportunities what would interest them most.
- **Set up creative arts for children.** There are all the issues of CRB checking to be considered before this can be taken forwards. However, this activity would need a well qualified team as it would take on board music, theatre, writing and practical skills in craftwork. Again something that might require funding.

4. Improving safety in the village

- **Establish and maintain relationship with Police Community Safety Officer.** Relations are improving but consistency is not yet fully attained.
- **Encourage observance of the speed limit through the village through a joint approach with Forncett.** The Police have been more proactive on the Norwich Rd, despite the disappointing lack of volunteers for Speedwatch. It is good to know that the police now recognise the temptation to speed on the straight section, which also presents the greatest danger on the Norwich Rd. Our

District Councillor can inform us of neighbouring schemes that are active and producing results.

- **Encourage a wider use of Neighbourhood Watch schemes.** We are in a low crime area and it is difficult to promote a NWS where people feel relatively safe.
- **Consider approaching the authorities about a limited amount of low level lighting where required.** There are mixed feelings about this requirement. Perhaps those new to the village, having left a lit environment find this difficult, however do they in time come to appreciate the beauty of the night sky.

5. Improve the environment of the village

- **Improve signing in the village (paths and recycling).** Most of the footpaths are now in a good condition and signing (apart from the Village Hall) works well.
- **Promote regular cleanup days in the village culminating in a village event such as a BBQ.** It has been suggested that we hold a music event on summer evening at the start of the School holidays for villagers' families and friends to be held on the village playing field if possible.
- **Develop ideas for sustainable energy.** Sadly, it appears there is little interest in this area, as fuel prices have fallen, people have become convinced that there is little or no problem. The reality is that this could well be our biggest problem.

6. Public transport

- **Lobby the appropriate authorities for the maintenance of a useable bus service.** With the increased take-up of bus passes by 60+ it seems to be a thin gift with so little transport to choose from

7. Planning

- **Ensure that new build is kept both small scale and has low environmental impact.** We have thus far managed to do this. However the LDF may put additional pressures on villages deemed to be sustainable.

Priorities: **High**, **Medium**, **Low** **Progress**

*Website for Tacolneston is www.tacolnestonmatters.co.uk

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