



WINKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

THREE YEAR PLAN

2017 – 2020

INTRODUCTION

This is a rolling Three Year Plan, updated annually.

It is the role of Winkfield Parish Council (WPC) to provide a safe and sustainable environment for all of its parishioners. In order to implement strategies to meet this objective it is necessary to identify key parameters.

Crime and Disorder, including anti-social behaviour, is the subject of robust policies being implemented by BFC in partnership with the Thames Valley Police (TVP) and the Parish and Town Councils. The BFC Partnership can point to a considerable reduction in crime within the Borough. WPC will continue to input data to the Crime and Disorder Information Service (CADIS) managed by BFC.

WPC OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

1. Road Safety

Road Safety is one of the main concerns of residents. The solution to many of these problems is only achievable with the co-operation and financial support of Bracknell Forest Council (BFC). Unfortunately, in times of severe financial constraint, some of the objectives of WPC will be difficult or even impossible to implement. Rather than include them in the Three-year Plan year after year with little chance of progressing them, they now appear as Appendix 1 to this Plan where they remain on the table for resolution if and when funds become available.

To continue to work with all local residents associations, groups and stakeholders to strive for resolutions to all issues of road safety including parking and speeding. To identify, and monitor, those areas of the Parish of most concern which have been well documented in previous editions of this rolling Three Year Plan. They now are included because BFC have advanced them to the planning stage for implementation in the near future.

They include:

ISSUE	STRATEGY	ACTION
<p>Maidens Green Crossroads – The installation of traffic lights at the junction of the A330/B3022 Bracknell Road or longer term solutions.</p>	<p>The long overdue installation of traffic signals, as well as improvements to sight lines on all four approaches to the junction is vital to improve safety at this busy and notorious junction with a bad accident record and, to reduce congestion by improving traffic flow at peak times. BFC continues to look at this.</p>	<p>There have been some minor improvements/changes but no significant movement forward on this issue this year although these do not appear to have significantly impacted on the number of incidents. This is a long protracted process which is, at present, blocked by the inability to secure land from some of the landowners. WPC has suggested to BFC that in the short term low cost speed cushions could be implemented on Winkfield Lane and Bracknell Road. WPC will continue to work with all parties on this issue in the longer term – a solution may be possible from planning gain associated with future development.</p>

<p>Braziers Lane/Forest Road Crossroads</p>	<p>Safety at this junction is compromised by the very narrow width of Braziers Lane at its junction with Forest Road and the very poor sight lines. WPC is pursuing whatever channels are available to improve road safety at this junction.</p> <p>Braziers Lane is on a bus route and appears on satellite navigation systems attracting heavy lorries along this quite inadequate road. There have been instances where difficulties have occurred with buses on routes 152 and 153 trying to turn from Forest Road into Braziers Lane where the road width is at its narrowest. (Note – the buses operate in this direction only.)</p> <p>Considerable additional housing in the surrounding areas is expected to increase dramatically with the advent of the current housing construction and future development in the Warfield/Binfield and Wokingham areas and therefore significant improvements must be made at this junction to accommodate the increased amount of traffic.</p>	<p>Possible solutions include:</p> <p>Safety would be improved by the installation of traffic signals, particularly at peak times when there is considerable congestion. Part-time traffic lights are installed during Ascot Week and have proved very effective over a number of years and recently this past year there have been at least two occasions when temporary traffic lights have been installed and the traffic has flowed very well; Re-route buses along Forest Road, Hatchet Lane, Lovel Road and Pigeonhouse Lane to re-join the route at Church Road, Winkfield;</p> <p>In addition a weight restriction for vehicles turning into Braziers Lane and moving the 30mph sign on the North Ascot side of Forest Road to just before the bend rather than where it is currently hidden by foliage during summer months.</p> <p>Enforcing restricted access for HGV is currently in place within the Windsor area. This would require liaising with both BFC and Windsor and Maidenhead Councils. There are now signs at both ends of Braziers Lane indicating the road is unsuitable for HGVs;</p>
<p>Forest Road/Hatchet Lane/Winkfield Road Junction</p>	<p>At peak times this junction backs up considerably along Forest Road beyond the entrance to Mill Ride Golf Club. With the forthcoming additional housing in progress notwithstanding possible future developments, this situation will only deteriorate further.</p>	<p>WPC will pursue with BFC at its regular traffic and transport meetings. Note: this junction falls just within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead area.</p>

Coral Reef Roundabout – The installation of peak time traffic lights.	Signage approaching the junction is inadequate causing confusion and driver error.	Clear advanced eye level signage is required advising lane layout on all approaches. WPC considers this of urgent importance.
Winkfield Lane – Speeding.	TVP has confirmed a speeding problem on this road.	BFC has confirmed that a traffic calming scheme is included in the list of potential schemes to be considered when funds and capacity are available. WPC to continue to push for speed management.
Priory Road/Locks Ride/Long Hill Road/Sandy Lane Junction	This junction needs to be re-designed.	This is a fundamental requirement.
New Forest Ride – access to Crown Land	There are a number of access points onto the Crown Land on New Forest Ride which are not serviced by safe highways crossings.	WPC will pursue this subject through its regular traffic and highways meetings with BFC.
Long Hill Road/London Road (Mercedes) junction	Numerous issues at this junction	BFC is committed to install traffic signals in 2017/18 and WPC is very supportive of this.
Priory Road/London Road junction	Traffic signals do not allow sufficient time to clear the junction.	Sequencing to accommodate clearance of junction.

2. Public Transport

WPC will continue to monitor local public transport.

South West Trains - Network Rail and South West Trains are currently involved in a major up-grade programme on the London Waterloo – Reading line which serves Ascot, Martin's Heron and Bracknell. In order to provide extra seating capacity the existing 8-coach trains will be strengthened to 10-coaches. The work necessitates modifying existing trains and extending platforms at most stations between Waterloo and Reading. New stations at Reading and Wokingham were completed in 2014. The upgrade, now under way, is not expected to be completed until mid/late 2017.

Bus services - In the summer of 2015 bus services in Bracknell were subject to significant changes following the announcement by the First Group (who traded as First Beeline Buses Limited in the Bracknell and Slough areas) that they planned to close their Bracknell garage and cease operation of all routes serving the Bracknell area.

Routes supported by Bracknell Forest Council, together with those operated by Courtney Buses, were not affected by the changes although later Courtney did pick up some additional work on routes abandoned by First.

As a result, the Parish of Winkfield was left bereft of a bus service other than the poorly served route 162 (with only three buses a day with none on Saturdays and Sundays) which was subject to alteration and extension with increased journey times between Winkfield and Bracknell. However, following discussions between Bracknell Forest Council and First Group, Green Line route 702 was reinstated between Slough/Windsor and Bracknell via Winkfield, albeit via the former route 191, but at least a vital link between Windsor and Bracknell was restored.

Courtney Buses introduced a circular route 156 from Bracknell Bus Station via The Parks, Brants Bridge, Harmanswater Shops, Brants Bridge, Bracknell Bus Station. This has been welcomed by residents.

Winkfield Parish strongly urges the provision of adequate parking at Martin's Heron Station to meet present needs as well as developments planned for South West Trains, the Parish and Borough Councils. In particular, the Bracknell Regeneration Project which is due to open in the autumn of 2017.

3. Environmental Issues

ISSUE	STRATEGY	ACTION
Neighbourhood Planning	To produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Winkfield.	This is now in progress and WPC is actively supporting the NDP Steering Group.
Drainage	Two main areas in the Parish – Braziers Lane Crossroads and Hatchet Lane – suffer severe drainage problems.	WPC has been working tirelessly for the past three years with BFC to improve the drainage in these areas and some progress is being made. BFC have carried out some work to both areas but they have only partially helped – WPC will keep up the pressure on BFC to continue to look at ways of improving the drainage. WPC now has strong links in to the relevant BFC departments. WPC encourages the community to play an active part in undertaking their responsibilities and when flooding occurs to report it to BFC.
Sewage	The Parish of Winkfield suffers from the surge discharges of foul sewage in many areas particularly in the north of the Parish.	WPC is working closely with BFC to lobby Thames Water to address this totally unacceptable ongoing situation. WPC has good communication links with BFC and Thames Water and is keen to urge local residents to continue to report any local issues directly to Thames Water who will take preventive action when a trail of complaints are received.
Litter/Street Cleansing	Increase exposure to the problem; arrange litter picks; raise awareness with the local schoolchildren; regularly liaise with BFC.	Articles included in the Parish newsletter and website; WPC works closely with the Thames Valley Payback Team who help the Parish enormously with environmental work including litter picking; WPC regularly reports any excessive littering to BFC and feeds in to the BFC schedule of street cleaning on a regular basis. WPC urges all residents to report any large build-ups to BFC Customer Services – 01344 352000 and request a reference number.

<p>Recycling and Waste Disposal</p>	<p>WPC is keen to promote recycling and responsible disposal of waste.</p>	<p>WPC will monitor the impact of recent changes in recycling facilities in Bracknell. WPC has installed a glass recycling bank at Asher Recreation Ground and a clothes bank at Carnation Hall and will continue to look for other opportunities.</p>
<p>Graffiti and Flytipping</p>	<p>WPC aims to encourage all local residents to report any incidents either directly to BFC or to us.</p>	<p>Any reported incidents dealt with immediately – WPC urges all residents to report any issues to BFC Customer Services – 01344 352000 and request a reference number.</p>
<p>Dog Fouling</p>	<p>To reduce the amount of dog fouling which, unfortunately, continues across the Parish.</p>	<p>As BFC no longer employs a Dog Warden and only deals with vicious or stray/abandoned dogs, WPC has set aside a small amount of money to engage the services of local Environment Wardens to deal with persistent offenders. However, we do rely on the public to advise us of any regular dog fouling. Dog owners need to be responsible for the problem.</p>
<p>Vandalism</p>	<p>WPC will encourage residents, to use the Police non-emergency telephone number – 101 – to report all incidents.</p>	<p>WPC works closely with its Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Teams to reduce incidents of vandalism. There is rarely a pattern to these incidents.</p>
<p>Flyposting</p>	<p>Flyposting continues to blight the area.</p>	<p>Fly posting is a national problem with woefully inadequate powers available to effectively regulate against. When erected on the street furniture it is contrary to the highways legislation. As resources allow attempts are made to track down the individuals concerned however, often those responsible use non-trackable mobile phones. Attempts to work with the Police and draw out those who advertise for cars have not proven totally effective. Our area does continue to suffer from this but we do have some very enthusiastic residents who help by reporting such incidents as soon as they occur. Long-term ongoing solutions are still being investigated. WPC urges all residents to report any large build-ups to BFC Customer Services – 01344 352000 and request a reference number.</p>
<p>Climate Change</p>	<p>WPC will continue to review its Climate Change Policy.</p>	<p>WPC is keen to support many local recycling projects and incorporates recycling into many of the Arts Week workshops and activities and all Councillors and staff are keen to recycle wherever possible during the course of WPCs day to day activities. Consideration is given to all new projects to ensure the least impact on the environment. WPC is keen to pursue better disposal of plastic packaging as currently BFCs recycling service does not cater for this.</p>

Listed Buildings/Buildings of significant character and value at risk within Winkfield	To take action to protect buildings where WPC considers this appropriate.	
Allotments	WPC is very keen to continue and improve the provision of allotments to local residents.	WPC will continue to review the future needs of allotment sites based on demand. The current policy is to split returning full plots into two in order to reduce the number of people on the waiting list. Significant inroads have been made into reducing the waiting lists this year. However, WPC is keen to increase the number of allotment sites it manages further.
Illegal Felling of Trees	To work with BFC and local people to prevent any further illegal felling of trees.	WPC urges anyone who is suspicious of any such activity to contact BFC immediately in order that any illegal felling can be stopped – it does not take long to fell a tree that took hundreds of years to grow. This is an increasing issue and we would ask the community to report any issues immediately to BFC on 01344 352000 or out of hours on 01344 786500 and request a reference number.
Planning	WPC will continue to actively monitor all planning applications within the Parish ensuring that the views raised by residents are considered when WPC responds to consultations on planning applications. WPC supports the protection of the Green Belt.	WPC encourages residents to make their views known to their local BFC Ward Councillors and to WPC by letter, email or in person at meetings. WPC encourages residents to notify BFC and WPC of any breaches. WPC will report any breaches of planning law brought to its attention to BFC and encourage them to take assertive measures to enforce compliance. WPC Councillors and staff are encouraged to attend any suitable training available.

4. Communications

To constantly strive to improve communications across the board. WPCs ultimate aim through engagement is to create a strong inclusive sense of community.

ISSUE	STRATEGY	ACTION
Communication with Residents	To continue to communicate with residents via The Parish Office; Parish Newsletter; Parish Website; Facebook; Twitter; Noticeboards; Annual Parish Meeting; Three Year Plan; Annual Report	WPC encourages residents to contact the Parish Office with any query and staff will do their best to advise/help/resolve any issues and if necessary put residents in touch with the appropriate agency. Parish Councillors are also keen to assist and the Clerk will be happy to put residents in touch with their Ward Parish Councillors. WPC has good communication links with local schools and builds on this constantly. WPC will during the course of 2017/2018 be reviewing and developing our platforms for communication, part of which will be a newly designed website.
Participation in External Forums	WPC is keen to continue to participate in the following forums: Bracknell Forest Parish and Town Liaison Group; Bracknell Forest Partnership; regular meetings with the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities; BFC Clerks meetings with all Clerks of the six Bracknell Forest Parish and Town Councils; Resident Associations/Community Groups; Highways Maintenance Scrutiny Group	The Bracknell Forest Parish and Town Liaison Group meets 3-4 times a year and is an excellent forum for two-way exchange of information ensuring WPC is up to date with the latest legislation and information affecting our residents.. WPC is ALWAYS represented at these meetings. The bi-annual meeting with the Director of Environment provides a very successful means of dealing with traffic and highways issues and this year again great progress have been made into dealing with various issues. WPC is keen to be represented in local Resident Associations and Community Groups if invited as the links forged over the past few years are growing stronger and are hugely beneficial to all. WPC is keen to encourage the setting up of local Residents' Associations where these do not exist and other well-established successful Residents Associations are keen to assist in providing guidance and expertise. WPC will continue to encourage this via the newsletter and website.
WPC User Groups	WPC is keen to work with User Groups.	We currently have an Allotment User Group. WPC is keen to support any other user groups. WPC is keen to promote all opportunities to connect with local resident/community groups.

5. Local Health Provision

In 2015 Sir Andrew Morris, Chief Executive, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, spoke at the Annual Parish meeting and explained the need to combine Wexham & Heatherwood and Frimley Trusts and the possible local implications. The merger has now taken place and Heatherwood Hospital continues to have an important role as a centre for elective (planned) surgery together with out-patient, radiology, physiotherapy and phlebotomy services. The Trust has put forward a planning proposal for replacement hospital buildings part funded by housing development. This should ensure its future.

Already more parking has been provided at Wexham Park Hospital and other improvements have taken place.

Accident & Emergency services are available at Wexham Park and Frimley. The Urgent Care Centre at Brants Bridge is busy and available for urgent care that is not provided by GP.s and does not require attendance at an A&E department.

Changes in the organisation and provision of Healthcare continue to be made. We are grateful that Sir Andrew Morris has agreed to present an update to the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2017.

As well as urging residents to contact their appropriate Health Forums with any problems, or their views on proposed changes, WPC will continue to monitor healthcare matters.

6. Management of WPC Facilities

WPC will continue to maintain the properties and open spaces it owns or has responsibility for, to the highest possible quality.

WPC is delighted to have received Green Flag Awards yet again for Carnation Hall Grounds (10 years) and Locks Ride Recreation Grounds (6 years).

WPC will be actively engaged this year in discussions regarding opportunities for recreation and leisure facilities within the Parish.

7. Parish Events

WPC continues to organise and manage various events throughout the year for the benefit of our residents.

EVENT	DETAIL	ACHIEVEMENTS
Allotment Evening	This is held in January and all allotment holders are invited.	This is a fun evening and awards are presented to the best plot holders. Allotment holders get to meet each other and build on communication, sharing information and thoughts.
Annual Parish Meeting	This is a meeting for residents facilitated by the Parish Council. It is NOT a Parish Council meeting. There are some formal parts to the meeting but the majority of the meeting is for the residents and WPC is keen for local people to attend and participate.	Over the past couple of years WPC has tried to introduce items which will generate interest in the community. The feedback has been good but WPC aims to improve this year on year and welcomes suggestions from the community.
May Day Fair	Organised by the May Day Committee who are a group of local people. WPC facilitates the event at Carnation Hall.	This is always an extremely popular local event but unfortunately occasionally affected by adverse weather conditions.

Pride in our Parish Environment Week	This is a week-long project harnessing the volunteering skills of local people, the local press and obtaining sponsorship from local businesses. WPC aims to continue with this event every year if support can be found.	Unfortunately very little support has been forthcoming from the community to continue with this. Should local groups be interested in doing something WPC would be very happy to hear from them and help in any way it can.
Family Cycle Ride	Every June for the past 22 years WPC has organised a Family Cycle Ride.	In the past few years WPC has joined forces with Warfield Parish Council and the turnout is usually pretty amazing and this continued in 2016 – fantastic!
Family Fun Day	In conjunction with Binfield and Warfield Parish Councils and Bracknell Forest Council WPC supports and facilitates three days of fun for local families on local open areas/recreation grounds.	In the summer of 2016 three events were held in August. All three were very successful indeed and this year the sun shone all day on Winkfield! WPC will be taking part in this again for the summer of 2017. These events are financed and managed by the six parishes of Bracknell Forest.
Arts Week	A week of art related activities, workshops and events with the aim of introducing local families to new activities and skills. WPC works tirelessly in partnership with Binfield and Warfield Parish Councils.	2016 was the TWELTH year that this has been running. Each year improves on the previous and a great deal of interest is shown by local residents and their families. Staff and Councillors give an enormous amount of time to this project but the results are very rewarding.
Wreath Making Workshops	Our Head of Grounds Maintenance and Facilities, runs workshops in early December.	In December 2016 WPC ran four workshops which were all well attended. The feedback is always extremely positive and valued by the community.
Footpath Walks	WPC aims to organise one/two footpath walks each year. The walks enable any problems or maintenance requirements to be identified and suitable action taken.	WPC will be reviewing the footpath walk format.
Community/Family Christmas Celebration around the Tree	WPC is keen to organise an event open to the community to join in with festive music and singing around the tree.	WPC will aim to host the event at Carnation Hall in December 2017.

8. Projects

a. Completed in 2015-2016:

- i. Supported South Hill Park with its bookings system upgrade which is now complete
- i. Improved public toilet facilities at Locks Ride Recreation Ground
- ii. Installed some perch seating in bus shelters
- iii. Gym equipment and one additional picnic bench installed at Allsmoor Field
- iv. Complete sand and seal of the floor at Carnation Hall
- v. Installed new gates and stretch of fencing at Locks Ride Recreation Ground
- vi. New pedestrian entrance installed at Locks Ride adjacent to car park and pond
- vii. Replaced sunshades at Locks Ride Recreation Ground
- viii. Installed new gates at Ascot Jubilee Recreation Ground
- ix. Installed roller towels at Ascot Jubilee Pavilion
- x. New chairs purchased for Carnation Hall
- xi. New crockery purchased for Carnation Hall
- xii. Tipper Lorry added to Grounds Team Vehicles
- xiii. A lime tree with commemorative plaque has been planted at Asher Recreation Ground in memory of our late Chairman, Alan Kendall.
- xiv. An Honours Board has been displayed at Carnation Hall detailing all Chairmen and Clerks since WPC inception in 1894.
- xv. Replaced the windows at the Parish Office
- xvi. Replaced the windows at Carnation Hall
- xvii. Tracking for grounds to avoid damaging the surfaces
- xviii. Flymo mower
- xix. Fixed wire testing

b. Completed in 2016-2017:

- i. Helped to fund and facilitate the development and production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Winkfield
- ii. Additional planting at King George Recreation Ground
- iii. Installed a WWI Memorial Bench at King George Recreation Ground
- iv. Replacing play surfaces at Allsmoor Field
- v. Installed a BBQ at Allsmoor Field
- vi. Installed additional gym equipment at Allsmoor Field
- vii. Purchased a new cricket square mower for Locks Ride
- viii. Resurfaced the car park at Ascot Jubilee Recreation Ground
- ix. Replaced the security screens at Ascot Jubilee Pavilion
- x. Painted the external areas of Ascot Jubilee Pavilion
- xi. Installed planted tubs at Ascot Jubilee Recreation Ground
- xii. Installed French drainage at Ascot Jubilee Recreation Ground to counter flooding
- xiii. Installed a manure bay at Asher Allotment site
- xiv. Continued project to install perch seating at bus shelters

- xv. Redecorated the Parish Office internally
- xvi. Hosted a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday
- xvii. Carnation Hall sand/re-seal
- xviii. Supported South Hill Park with new telephone system
- xix. Replacement computer server
- xx. Asher fencing & gate
- xxi. Additional fencing at Locks Ride up to new pedestrian gate

c. Planned Projects for 2017/18

- i. Carnation Hall circular folding tables
- ii. Locks Ride heavy duty umbrellas
- iii. Wood Chipper
- iv. Locks Ride Store
- v. Flagpole at Allsmoor
- vi. Carnation Hall internal redecoration
- vii. Manure bay at Winkfield Row Allotment
- viii. Sculptures at Allsmoor
- ix. New hand driers at Carnation Hall and Locks Ride
- x. Locks Ride sand filter
- xi. Locks Ride oak tree planting
- xii. Locks Ride main store doors
- xiii. Locks Ride refreshment unit
- xiv. South Hill Park
- xv. Office external redecoration
- xvi. Replacement/upgrade of play equipment at King George V Recreation Ground
- xvii. Install an external storage unit at Carnation Hall
- xviii. Replace the heaters at Carnation Hall
- xix. Provide a new public microphone system at Carnation Hall
- xx. Install a composting facility
- xxi. Overhaul of the Parish website

d. Mid Term Projects/Aspirations (these will be dependent on available funding)

- i. Scoping for the future enhancement of Carnation Hall
- ii. Scoping for future improvements to Asher Recreation Ground
- iii. Assessment of the viability of the 'British Legion' Hall as a community asset

e. Long Term Projects/Aspirations

- i. WPC to actively engage with Government and Local Authorities on Localism and Planning changes.

9. Financial Resourcing

External funding of £6000 was sourced from the Government Scheme to fund neighbourhood plans.

Appendix 1 to Three Year Plan

ISSUE	STRATEGY	ACTION
Strategic Road Improvements	To create a new link road which will take the through traffic from the surrounding areas connecting the existing major highways.	WPC will urge BFC to lobby the Highways Authority to progress a scheme without delay and encourage our neighbouring parishes to do the same.
20mph Speed Zones		WPC continues to encourage BFC to consider Area Speed Limits and to install 20mph speed limits outside ALL schools and to extend to all residential estates.
Brock Hill Speeding	The traffic levels and speeding issues on the Bracknell Road, B3022, are increasing almost daily and will continue to do so with the forthcoming development in Warfield. A traffic calming scheme needs to be implemented.	To date a solution has not been forthcoming. WPC continues to raise this with BFC.
Lovel Road – A330	This road is not suitable for today's heavy traffic. The situation is exacerbated by the increasing use of satellite navigation systems that direct HGVs along Lovel Road	WPC will continue to push for diversion of traffic on to more suitable roads particularly bearing in mind the parking problems and to consider changing the classification to a B road to enable half-cushions to be installed at either end of the road. An alternative would be to divert traffic away from Lovel Road and Hatchet Lane and direct it via B3022 North Street, B383 Mounts Hill and A332 Windsor Road to re-join the A330 at its junction with the A332.
Satellite Navigation Systems	BFC to be urged to monitor developments to restrict satellite navigation in rural/semi-rural areas.	WPC now receives notification of plans to erect telecommunication poles and always comments on the individual location.
Recording non-injury road accidents/incidents	WPC is aware that many 'small' accidents and incidents occur are not recorded and therefore do not reflect the true situation at certain 'black spots' across the Parish.	WPC encourages residents to report any such accidents/incidents to the Parish Office so that fuller information can be gathered. WPC will share this information with BFC and push for appropriate action to be taken.
New Forest Ride – road surface noise	Residents complain of excessive road noise on New Forest Ride between Wareham Road and Wychwood.	WPC will campaign BFC, when renewing road surfaces across the Borough, to install low noise road surfaces and particularly in residential areas.