PYONS GROUP PARISH PLAN

STATUS REPORT

HOUSING

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Start housing investment in Canon Pyon and emphasise the 'centre' of the village by creating a hub that is defined by the village hall, the playing field, the shop and the pub. Identify opportunities that would allow for other smaller developments across the parish. Formalise consultation on other locations for development in Canon Pyon Consider the inclusion of commercial community facilities, and small business/craft units within developments	Develop a Neighbourhood Plan that incorporates the objectives of the Parish Plan, using recently introduced legislation for residents and their representatives, to make it clear to Local Government and Developers how they wish to see the Parish develop from now and into the future and to incorporate this into the County Plan	High	Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	ACHIEVED - Neighbourhood Plan completed
	Communicate the plan to our Local Authority through the Parish Council so that the Local Authority is in no doubt about the current and established views of the residents and the Parish Council.	High		
	Oppose development proposals to develop land for housing that is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan and that would result in the further unbalancing of the population distribution of Canon Pyon away from the centre	High		

ENVIRONMENT

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Protect the traditional environment we value such as farm land, well maintained and responsibly used footpaths, a litter-free countryside, nature reserves and wild-life areas. Promote new initiatives that have solid support from the community and are shown to be achievable to enhance the Parish environment. Provide support and encouragement to individual groups that wish to take forward any of the initiatives identified in the proposed actions.	Incorporate the key outcomes of our consultation in the Pyons Group Neighbourhood Plan so that the environmental opinions of people in the parish are embedded.	High	Parish Council and NDP Steering Group	ACHIEVED – neighbourhood plan completed
	Take up the issue of fly tipping with Herefordshire Council.	Medium	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council	ACHIEVED - Fly tipping is reported to Herefordshire Council as and when it occurs. Need to publicise the fly tipping contact information
	Brief our very active Footpath Officer on the relevant responses for consideration and action where appropriate.	Medium	Footpath Officer/Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council	ACHIEVED - We have an excellent footpath network thanks to the hard work of our volunteer Footpath Officer and to funding from the Parish Council/Balfour Beatty. The Footpath Officer presents occasional reports to the Parish Council and issues are raised with him as appropriate. PC has been asked to consider producing a booklet of local walks.
	Investigate the legalities of restricting off-roading and where it can or can't take place.	Low	Parish Council/Friends of Westhope	Raise with Friends of Westhope if this is a problem
	Pursue additions or improvements to local recycling facilities.	Medium	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council	Consider whether the existing recycling provision by Herefordshire Council is adequate. Could we be doing more as a parish?

	Install more litter bins, introduce dog waste bins at suitable locations and organise groups of volunteers to hold litter picks or adopt an area of each village to keep tidy.	High	Parish Council/Volunteers	ON-GOING An annual litter pick is held. Installation of new bins is now the responsibility of Balfour Beatty and is expensive. The A4110 is the main problem area for litter – consider how to deal with this. Dog fouling is an on-going issue. Need to raise awareness and promote good practice.
	Press Herefordshire Council to reduce the number of hours the street lights are on to reduce light pollution.	Low	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council	ACHIEVED New street lights have been installed by Herefordshire Council
	Identify and develop dedicated nature areas.	Low	Volunteers/Nature Trust	ON-GOING - The Nature Trust has a site of interest between Westhope and Bush Bank. This has been publicised Do we need to look at any other specific areas eg. the Parish Council land on Westhope Hill
	Investigate if a solar energy project is a viable proposition, of financial benefit to the local community and whether suitable sites are available.	Low	Volunteers	No specific demand for this has been shown.

SERVICES

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Achieve improvements to mobile phone network so that 90% of parishioners rate the coverage as good or excellent.	Make it abundantly clear to our local Councillor for Wormsley Ridge and to our MP for Herefordshire North that the performance of both broadband and mobile 'phone networks are unacceptable and a significant issue with residents.	High	Parish Council	ON-GOING Mobile phone provision is still poor
	Raise awareness with all Mobile phone network providers of the issues and get clear commitment to improve.	High	Parish Council	ON-GOING - Parish Council's concerns about the poor provision have been raised with mobile phone providers.
Achieve improvements to Internet Broadband speeds so that 80% of parishioners rate it as fast.	Raise issue of High speed Broadband provision with 'Fastershire' (a partnership to build a world class broadband network for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire) to get Pyons Group on the top of the priority rollout.	High	Parish Council	ACHIEVED - High speed broadband is now available
	Investigate alternative specialist providers and funding streams if the actions above do not achieve satisfactory results.	High	Parish Council	N/a see above
Provision of a Community Cafe	Invite volunteers in Canon Pyon to pursue the idea of a Community Café by investigating its feasibility and sustainability.	Low	Parish Council/Volunteers	ACHIEVED - Village Hall holds a Café and Book Store every month.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Ensure that policy makers (NHS Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and nearby GP's) who have a key influence in determining surgery/health centre locations, are aware of the importance of local access to our residents. For GP's, include the importance to local residents of a prescription delivery service and enquire if such a service can be provided.	Contact surrounding GP Practices and Dental Surgeries and request them to actively consider in their business plans the importance to local people in our Parish of a local centre, bearing in mind our Neighbourhood Plan.	Medium	Parish Council	No action taken as yet
	Seek a service for prescriptions to be delivered locally.	Low	Parish Council/Volunteers	PC to investigate if there is a need
	Publicise the outcome of the action above to the Parish community with details of other prescription fulfilment and delivery services available.	Low	Parish Council	As above
	Include the importance of local access to health services within our Neighbourhood Plan as an enabler for the anticipated expansion of housing.	High	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Is this in the Neighbourhood Plan?
Extend local cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) services throughout the parish.	Seek community volunteers to provide a CPR service in Canon Pyon, Kings Pyon, Ledgemoor and Bush Bank similar to that currently existing in Westhope.	Medium	Parish Council/Volunteers	ON-GOING - Defibrillator installed at Canon Pyon Village Hall and Heart Start course organised Feb 2017. Investigate whether there should be similar provision in the other villages?
Improve the transport service for disabled people.	Campaign to encourage local volunteer drivers to support Community Wheels or RVS schemes and publicise these schemes throughout the parish.	Medium	Parish Council/Volunteers	ACHIEVED - Community Wheels regularly advertises for more drivers and promotes the service through the Pyonear

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (continued)

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Aim to enhance support services assisting local carers	Invite local carers to make themselves known to Herefordshire Carers Support if they haven't already done this, so local support to them can be developed.	Medium	Volunteers	ACHIEVED - The Pyonear publishes information from Herefordshire Carers Support
	Invite the Herefordshire Carers Support organisation to engage with us to work with local carers and their support needs, provide or mobilise appropriate support and inform our community of the outcomes.	Medium	Volunteers	Parish Council to organise a meeting with the HCS to discuss this?
Improve support services providing end-of-life care, local activities for older people to engage in, home nursing care and meals-on-wheels service.	Continue the sterling voluntary community fund raising efforts for St Michael's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support so these organisations can continue to offer their invaluable services to us.	Medium	Volunteers	ACHIEVED - Community fund raising events for these and other such organisations are held regularly
	Inform locality district nurses team (at Weobley) of the importance to local residents of their Home Nursing services.	Medium	Parish Council	Parish Council to follow this up?

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Achieve better road surfaces and drainage in the parish.	Press Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty strongly to take remedial action to repair our roads and implement better drainage.	High	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty	ON-GOING - Much work has been done to improve the condition of the minor roads. A good relationship exists between the Parish Council and the Locality Steward. The Parish Council is also part of the enhanced Lengthsman Scheme.
Achieve a reduction in the speed limit and introduce traffic calming measures on the A4110 through Canon Pyon, especially by the school.	Make it clear to our local Councillor for Wormsley Ridge and to our MP for Herefordshire North that the state of our roads and drainage is unacceptable and a significant issue with residents.	High	Parish Council	ON-GOING - A Maintenance Schedule has been drawn up for the Enhanced Lengthsman Scheme, including the repair of potholes as they arise. Keep Ward Councillor aware of issues. Enhanced Lengthsman Scheme revised for 2017-18
	Investigate with Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty the potential for a reduction in the speed limit and some form of traffic calming in Canon Pyon.	High	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty	ON-GOING. The option of having a pedestrian crossing has been included in the Section 106 wishlist. Hire of SIDS to be continued but PC may consider the option of buying their own.
Improve pedestrian access to primary school (see also under Education)	Investigate with Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty the potential for a new footpath from Canon Pyon to the school.	Medium	Parish Council/School/ Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty	ON-GOING - This was considered as part of Section 106 agreements.

Ensure that all relevant agencies are made aware of public dissatisfaction with our bus services.	Improve bus provision	High	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty	Herefordshire Council periodically reviews its bus service provision. PC is consulted on the review. Need to consider whether the influx of new residents will push up demand for improved bus services.
	Request the installation of a bus shelter at a suitable location in Canon Pyon.	Medium	Parish Council/Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty	ON-GOING - This has been considered as part of the Section 106 agreements but there are no obvious sites available

LEISURE

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Support the cornerstones of parish life to ensure that we do not lose the positive contributions they make to our community: pub, store and post office, playing fields, parish hall, churches and club room.	Keep a constant communication stream to residents regarding the value of local facilities and what they have to offer with more promotions in all available media.	Medium	Parish Council/Pyonear	ON-GOING - Pyonear promotes local facilities. But not everyone reads the Pyonear. Need to consider producing an information leaflet for new residents coming into the village.
Encourage the development of new activities to extend the range of leisure opportunities in the Parish.	Engage volunteers and groups who have an interest in starting new activities to begin developing them. Such interest groups may be able to apply for sport grants or other funding to start these clubs and classes.	Medium	Parish Council/Pyonear/ Volunteers	No approaches have been made to the Parish Council by groups interested in starting up new activities. This may change when new residents move in.
Seek wider participation in established activity groups through increased communication and rejuvenated content.	Ask the leaders of all current activity groups to review their promotion and the content of their sessions and to consider new initiatives, to achieve increased membership and attendance.	Medium	Parish Council/Pyonear	During 2014/15 the Pyonear promoted every organisation and activity group within the parish. Need to do so again for new residents

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Improve communications with well sited and attractive notice boards that better reflect activities taking place at various places within the parish	Review the current number of notice boards within the parish and the size, visibility and positioning of these to see how they could be better used and possibly sited more effectively.	Medium	Parish Council	ACHIEVED - Notice boards have been reviewed and have been moved and renovated where necessary. It has not been considered necessary to put up new boards
Parish maps that communicate similar information to residents and visitors	Develop parish maps that indicate local activities for display either on notice boards or elsewhere	Medium	Parish Council	To be considered. Could something be put in the Ledgemoor phone kiosk?
A website that contains information relevant to the lives of parishioners and therefore attractive for them to access.	Maintain the Parish website with information that is always current and relevant; publicise its presence and usefulness through other media.	Medium	Parish Council	ON-GOING - Website Working Group has been set up by Parish Council and has proposed investigating the setting up of a new and more manageable website by an independent website provider
Parish council communications such that a high percentage of parishioners feel it is well or fairly well done.	Review and implement improvements as to how Parish Council information is presented and disseminated to see if satisfaction with communication can be improved.	Medium	Parish Council	ACHIEVED - The first Parish Council newsletter was published in July 2016. There have now been two editions. Was there any feedback?

SAFETY AND SECURITY

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Ensure that our local safer neighbourhood policing team recognize, act and communicate on our priorities for safety and security in the Parish.	Request and arrange PACT (Partners And Communities Together) meetings locally to brief a representative of the Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood policing team on priorities of the parish for safety and security.	High	Parish Council/West Mercia Police	Do the police still hold PACT meetings? Are there any ongoing issues to be raised with them?
	Monitor West Mercia police priorities for North Herefordshire and follow up with the Safer Neighbourhood policing team if these don't reflect Parish priorities.	Medium	Parish Council/West Mercia Police	Police no longer attend Parish Council meetings. Do we still receive newsletters from them?
Ensure that our priorities and subsequent satisfaction (or otherwise) with our policing are communicated to our elected Police Commissioner.	Advise the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia of the results of our Parish Planning work showing priorities of the parish for safety and security. Follow up by communicating the outcome of our interaction with our Safer Neighbourhood policing team.	Medium	Parish Council/Police and Crime Commissioner	Copy of Parish Plan sent to Police and Crime Commissioner. Did he also receive a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan?
Establish Neighbourhood Watch scheme(s) throughout the Parish.	Organise and invite community members to attend a planning workshop with the intent to engage volunteers in setting up additional neighbourhood watch schemes in the Parish.	Medium	Parish Council/Volunteers	ON-GOING - Neighbourhood Watch network has been re-organised in Westhope. Need to encourage other villages to set up a network – can be done via the internet. Neighbourhood Watch updates printed in Pyonear
	Set up and support one or more additional neighbourhood watch schemes in the Parish and share information and approach between NHW schemes in our parish to maintain their effectiveness.	Medium	Parish Council/Westhope Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator/ Volunteers	Ascertain if there is a will to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Canon Pyon or Kings Pyon?

EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Provide a suitable venue at Canon Pyon School for activities for children and young people	Work with the Parents Association, Governors and Head to undertake a survey to determine the feasibility, acceptability and what activities (other than those already provided by the school) would be appreciated. Also to consider the provision of holiday activities.	Medium	Parish Council/School	Chairman has been into school to establish a link with the Parish Council.
	Convene a volunteer group from the above, and others interested, to organise and run pilot activities. If it is not possible to run activities in the school, the group could consider other venues e.g. the Parish Hall, Ledgemoor Hall, The Churches etc.	Medium	School/Volunteers	There has been no interest from the school or parents for organising additional activities.
Improve pedestrian access to the primary school on the outskirts of Canon Pyon	Convene a volunteer group of parents to engage with the school Governors and Head to determine the best way of improving pedestrian access and how this might fit with a school transport plan.	Medium	Parish Council/ Herefordshire Council/School/ Volunteers	Has there been any direct action by the school or parents towards improving pedestrian access?
	Propose and undertake specific actions to improve pedestrian access in the light of such discussions.	Medium	Parish Council/School/ Herefordshire Council	Need to have discussions

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY LEVEL	TO BE ACTIONED BY	STATUS/UPDATE
Develop and maintain a high standard of facilities for children and young people to enjoy at Canon Pyon Playing Fields.	Share the results of the Parish Plan with the Playing Fields Association to inform them of needs and suggestions for improvements.	Medium	Parish Council/Playing Fields Committee	ON GOING - Playing Fields Committee will discuss the options for spending Section 106 money from the new developments in Canon Pyon
	Consider engaging the support of the Mobile Youth Led Opportunities project response team (within HVOSS - Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service).	Medium	Parish Council/Playing Fields Committee/ Volunteers	Has any demand been shown for their input?
Support and defend school bus services for our area.	Ensure that the Parish Council supports and defends school bus services provision as a priority for young people in our rural area.	High	Parish Council/School/ Herefordshire Council	PC to ask the Primary School and Weobley High School if there are any issues regarding school bus provision. Issues may arise when new residents with school age children move in.