

BLEASBY PARISH PLAN

BLEASBY REVIEWED – AND RENEWED?

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QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

Your views expressed briefly

Introduction

- **In July 2017 Parish Plan Questionnaires were delivered to all homes in the Parish of Bleasby.**
- **The questionnaire had 85 questions in it.**
- **The questions were carefully constructed to be relevant, understandable, non-leading, unbiased & statistically manageable.**
- **A Steering Group of 12 volunteers, covering all age groups and parts of the village met regularly with the support of RCAN, an independent body, to produce the questionnaire.**
- **Out of 308 questionnaires delivered, 195 (63%) were returned.**
- **These returns were processed independently by RCAN and the results, and derived statistics, returned and priorities and aspirations for the parish identified.**
- **In December 2017 an Interim Progress Report was delivered to all homes in the parish.**
- **Working groups have been progressively established in order to focus on specific areas identified as priorities from these RCAN results. These currently comprise:**
 - **An Events Group, a Neighbourhood Watch Group and a Footpaths and Countryside Group.**
- **Further working groups will be established to help address matters such as communications, traffic safety and management and parish holdings and open spaces.**
- **It is hoped that all residents will support the endeavour by joining at least one of these groups.**
- **The Parish Plan is seen by the Parish Council as a critical part of its strategy to strengthen this community and to help address its needs, concerns and aspirations.**
- **It will become a dynamic and responsive means of keeping pace with changing needs and not a fixed document of limited lifespan and relevance.**
- **It may become the basis for a Neighbourhood Plan which would be supported by 90% of respondents.**

The results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire are summarised below.

Community Spirit

The Community Spirit section covered clubs, classes and groups, community events and community support for residents.

- 84% of respondents cited that community spirit was an important aspect to living in Bleasby
- Demand for new clubs/activities covered a range of interests e.g. youth club, gardening, walking, sports, nature
- 5/163 respondents were willing to run new clubs
- 7/93 respondents were willing to coach, referee, run or support local activities
- 88% of respondents valued and enjoyed community events and there was a diverse range of suggestions for new events
- 12 people said they would benefit from help attending lunch club, someone to keep an eye on them during bad weather, general company, accessing services – switching energy supplier, using the internet etc - however a number of older residents had not completed the questionnaire so we believe there may well be additional need for assistance and support
- 160 people said they would be prepared to help a neighbour – many of whom do so already
- 27 people wanted to hear more about the Defibrillator Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) run by Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT)

Getting Around

The Getting Around section covered Footpaths and Bridleways, Walking, Cycling, Horse Riding, Speeding, Parking within the Parish plus Public Transport

- 86% of respondents use the local footpaths and bridleways
 - Of 148 respondents, 112 (75%) thought that they were in a satisfactory condition
 - Of 140 respondents, 121 (86%) thought that they were easily accessible

- Of 137 respondents, 113 (82%) thought that the footpaths and bridleways were adequately marked
- Concerns were raised over overgrown footpaths, dog fouling, obstacles, lack of marking and reinstatement after agricultural work
- Of 181 respondents, 40 (22%) would like to join in/organise regular footpath walks
- Of 182 respondents, 147 (81%) said that they would find a map of local footpaths and bridleways useful
- Of 172 respondents, 61 (35%) said that they would cycle/horse ride more often if there were safer routes
- Currently of 187 respondents, 74 (40%) sometimes use a bike in Bleasby and 28 (15%) often do
- Currently of 186 respondents, 8 (4%) sometimes do ride a horse in Bleasby and 3 (2%) often do
- 79% were concerned about speeding in the village
- Of 111 respondents the following percentages experienced problems with:
 - parking on pavements (59%)
 - vehicles parked dangerously (65%)
 - vehicles blocking access to property (32%)
- 3% participate in the shared driveway scheme to relieve parking congestion at school (an additional 2% would be willing to participate)

The Public Transport section covered bus service, train service and community transport

- 127 people were aware of the free bus service. 6 weren't aware of its existence
- Out of 184 responses 20 people said they have used this service and 164 had not
- Out of those responses 15 people said that the bus service was too infrequent and that running times were too inconvenient
- 7 people said they didn't use the service because of mobility problems ie. wheelchair
- 15 walked to Thurgarton for connection to work/college/school and 77 for leisure/social purposes

- Out of 167 replies, 60 people said that they would be interested in a local community minibus for residents to use
- 7 people said they would find it helpful to have a lift from someone in Bleasby occasionally and 17 might; 64 people would be willing to offer someone a lift occasionally, for example to get to the doctors or shopping
- Regarding train use 19 were regular users, 116 occasional users and 54 never used the service

Village Assets/Facilities

The village assets section included the Glebe Field, Jubilee Ponds, Village Hall, St Mary's Church and other accessible open spaces in Bleasby

Glebe Field

- Only 20% of respondents made use of the Glebe Field outside organised events, mainly for playing with children or walking across it
- Suggestions for improvements to the Glebe Field included; playground equipment (41% of total comments), differing opinions on a meadow vs. more regular cutting of grass and hedges, additional seating/picnic tables and to leave as it is

Jubilee Ponds

- 30% of respondents visit the Jubilee Ponds regularly, 61% occasionally and 9% never do
- The Jubilee Ponds area is mainly used for family walks, gentle exercise and pleasure, dog walking and nature and wildlife interests
- Suggestions for improvements to the Jubilee Ponds included; dog waste bins, additional benches, to feel safer, a child friendly area, wheelchair access, bird watching hide. There were differing opinions on use by dogs and a number of issues with some fishermen
- 30 respondents would help around the Jubilee Ponds occasionally and 37 for special projects

Village Hall

- Suggestions to encourage further use of the village hall were; clear and easy booking system, calendar of events and Wi-Fi
- Ideas to further improve the village hall were; increased size, increased parking, Wi-Fi, village open night, IT training sessions, review décor

Church

- 60% of respondents attend, visit or use the church mainly for school services, on Christmas Eve/Day, for regular and occasional worship, concerts, weddings and funerals
- People would visit the church more if there were music events, exhibitions and child friendly family services or other activities at the church
- Suggestions of ways the church could be used more or developed further to create community engagement included; music, plays, choirs, talks, coffee mornings, film screenings and as a venue for when the village hall is too small

Environment & Services

The Environment & Services section covered local business services and the perceived threat of flooding and crime within the Parish

- Flooding is a worry within the village with 52% of respondents expressing their concern at the prospect - and nearly a fifth having experienced direct effects
- Despite proximity to the river, over 70% of these households (27 residences) were affected by pluvial (rainfall) flooding from a number of separate weather incidents rather than from the river
- Nearly 50 separate households reported issues with securing insurance due to the NG14 postcode and the Environment Agency flood maps

- 16% of respondents stated they were planning to leave Bleasby in the next 5 years – this was mainly due to downsizing and relocation as well as lack of amenities and public transport
- 19% felt there was a need to build new homes in Bleasby, the majority of which being affordable smaller homes and accommodation for older residents e.g. 2-3 bedrooms. The remainder of respondents considered that there was already enough housing
- 91% were in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan
- Of 182 respondents, 166 (91%) said that they made use of local businesses in Bleasby. Of those who didn't the reasons stated were: not needed, unaware of them / them all and that some tradesmen were too expensive
- Of 134 respondents, 38 (28%) said that they could see business opportunities to be developed in the village which included:
 - A **SHOP**, which was proposed 30 times (incorporating farm shop, community shop, Post Office, coffee / cake shop [Gibsmere end], milk/fruit/veg box delivery)
 - A taxi service (5 proposals)
 - A pre-school
 - A holiday club at school
- Of 164 respondents, 149 (91%) said that they would choose local businesses in Bleasby and use them in preference to others if they were made more aware of them
- Of 143 respondents, 111 (78%) said that more visitors would be welcome in the parish for village events and to support local businesses
- Ideas included - open gardens to include an open local business day, a scarecrow trail, a park / playground for children, permanent & temporary exhibitions, recreational use of the riverside, Bleasby in Bloom, wider advertising of village events and facilities, and improved village publicity

- A large proportion of the land in Bleasby is agricultural. Ideas to further support our farming community were:
 - Water hose points for cleaning roads
 - Open days / barn dances / village fetes / vegetable competitions
 - Creating opportunities to buy local produce at a local farmers' market

Keeping in Touch & Getting Involved

The Keeping in Touch & Getting Involved section reviewed the methods of communication used within the Parish

- Bleasby News, word of mouth and village notice boards, in that order, were the most preferred means of communication to find out what is going on in Bleasby
- The majority of respondents would like to be kept informed through Bleasby News and an improved email service
- Communication methods requiring most improvement were: an increased number of noticeboards, website content and usability, access and use of a parish email service

This is a brief summary of the results. More detailed and statistical information is available. Working groups are already making use of the complete response analysis.

Your participation has been much valued and will help shape the future direction and development of the parish.

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DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

CHANGING YOUR IDEAS INTO ACTION!

THE WAY FORWARD?

Issue/opportunity	What could we do?	How we can do it	Who can help ?	Priority	Timescale	What's happened since questionnaire ?
COMMUNITY SPIRIT						
Events, Clubs & Activities						
More frequent/variety of community events	Review ideas from questionnaire comments	Establish group/s to oversee all event activities	Steering Group, Volunteers from questionnaire, Parish Council	High	Group established Dec 2017 - up & running for 2018	Bleasby Events Group established as a Parish Council working group. 2 successful events already delivered with 2 more to follow in 2018
Keeping existing clubs/organisations going	Promote existing clubs/organisations	Ask Events Group to invite existing village clubs and organisations to participate in events where appropriate. Improve village communication methods to keep people informed.	Events Group, Parish Council	High	Sep-18	Events group has already started approaching clubs and will be inviting engagement at future events
Demand for new clubs & activities	Check if clubs/activities already offered in Bleasby or nearby vicinity that people are unaware of e.g. WI, U3A. Facilitate start-up of new clubs & activities.	Contact residents who expressed an interest in running new clubs or activities to see if they match demand. Approach existing village organisations to ask if they can fulfill demand for club/activity if sufficient interest. Gather further interest for new clubs/activities at consultation day.	Steering Group, Volunteers from questionnaire, Existing village clubs/organisations, Events Group	Low	By end of 2018	Events group looking into cinema equipment for village.
Support with living in Bleasby						
Rural isolation	Consider how rural isolation may affect all people within the village when considering outcomes of the parish plan - low income families, those with disabilities, single parents, elderly, people with mental health issues, young carers, people that don't drive etc.	Improve transport options, ensure open spaces are accessible, provide events and clubs/activities at low or no cost, promote the pastoral care already offered by WI/PCC	Events Group, Communications coordinator, WI, Parochial Church Council, Neighbourhood Watch Group	High	Ongoing	Friendship Coffee Mornings have started since questionnaire was circulated run by WI, PCC & BVHMC
Interest in hearing more about the Defibrillator Village Emergency System (VETS) run by Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT)	Organise further training sessions on Defib. Consider viability of VETS system up - consider links with Flood Action Group and Neighbourhood Watch Group. Review emergency planning	Contact Ali Sutherland & Jenny Sterland who look after Defib to discuss further training. Get in touch with CHT and interested residents to check viability of VETS.	Ali Sutherland, Jenny Sterland, Parish Council, Flood Action Group, Neighbourhood Watch Group	High	2018	Contact made with CHT - options to incorporate other alerts ie. crime alert, assistance for elderly but will incur additional cost. Consider as part of overall system to respond to emergencies - refer to NW.

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Utilise offers received in questionnaire from people willing to help their neighbour	Create a database of helpers to call upon as and when required with a description of what help they can offer. Could tie in with lift share scheme, Neighbourhood Watch, local tradesman etc.	Find someone to coordinate the scheme. Send leaflet out with Bleasby News to gain contact details for volunteers & those who require help.	A nominated person/volunteer	Medium	Volunteer to be recruited in 2018	
Taking pride in our village						
Opportunity to enhance our village	Acquire village sign for Glebe Field area. Improve/establish gateways (entrance signs – incorporating traffic control measures) Plant flowers/bulbs at 'gateways' to village & on verges where appropriate. Litter pick & identify untidy areas for improvement. Create a more festive feel at Christmas and other celebratory occasions ie. Easter, Harvest . Form an improvement group.	Village sign competition. Approach garden centres for sponsorship. Arrange litter picking days – register for support from 'Keep Britain Tidy' to get involved in Nationwide events. Appeal for help with general village maintenance. Sponsorship of additional relevant lights/decorations. Competition "most festive house", children to make decorations for the village tree. Recruit residents to focus on monitoring, maintaining & improving defined areas or features	Parish Council, Events Group, Bleasby School, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Notts County Council , Bleasby Improvement Group (once established)	High	Launch summer 2018 in preparation for event 1st Sept	New walking group to monitor maintenance of footpaths. Churchyard maintenance group established. Plans made to prepare village assets for Sept 1st event. Lamppost poppies ordered by Parish Council for remembrance day.
GETTING AROUND						
Footpaths & Bridleways						
Interest in establishing a local walking group	Instigate a local walking group	Set up an initial meeting and /or kick off walk for those who expressed an interest	Steering Group	High	Established March 2018	First walk & meeting 22/4/18 further activities & walks planned
Dog fouling on footpaths (and pavements)	Reduce dog fouling	Peer pressure to pick up, consider more dog bins - Boat Lane identified, Promote picking up in BN, clear line of reporting to Parish Council for people witnessed not picking up	Parish Council Newark & Sherwood District Council - dog warden, local community	High	Ongoing	Publicity/appeals for dog owners to be more responsible via Bleasby News. Stickers added to lamp-posts.
Map of local footpaths & bridleways	Produce a local map	Investigate possibility of a 'Yellow Map' for the parish area. Agree distribution once cost & order quantity known. Potential production of a street map by local artist/cartographer	Walking Group Steering Group Parish Council Local businesses for support in sales/promotion, Nearby villages if included on map	High	2018	2 x Yellow Maps covering Bleasby and the Trent Valley Way now available to borrow from Parish Council. Yellow maps available for purchase from Lowdham Book Shop. Offer made to produce a 'personalised' local map for local use & display

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Greater use of footpaths to give people a chance to meet others & get active	Walking events for those who may not wish to commit to regular walks or join a walking group	Arrange walks of different lengths & ability to appeal to as wider audience as possible. Could incorporate different themes or interests such as local history or geography. Nordic walking. Nature walks for children.	Events Group, Walking Group	Medium	2018	Walking Group discussing implementation & accessing the countryside in general
Footpath/Bridleway maintenance	Regularly monitor local routes, particularly the identified problem areas.	Utilise Walking Group & establish method to report issues quickly to the Parish Council.	Walking Group, All footpath users, Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Footpath officer	Medium	2018	Walking group discussing implementation
Protection of existing footpaths	Reinstate lost footpaths	Check old maps to identify which are no longer in accessible & liaise with landowners to reinstate	Walking Group, Ramblers Association, Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council	Medium	Long term - deadline 2026	Walking group discussing
Wider access of local countryside	Establish new routes/footpaths to areas currently inaccessible	Identify areas of interest, liaise with landowners for either concessionary or permanent access	Walking Group, Bleasby School, Bleasby Bikers, Ramblers Association Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Land Owners	Low	Long term	Walking group discussing implementation, Bleasby Bikers interest, School mapping/map reading already initiated
Pavements						
Condition of pavements	Lobby for pavements to be repaired or resurfaced.	Carry out full audit of pavement conditions throughout parish taking into account comments received & report to NCC	Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (Via)	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	Reference included in July 2018 Highways Safety & Management discussion document
Narrow pavements or lack of pavements	Try to find solutions for areas where pavements narrow or non-existent	Identify problem areas throughout parish taking into account comments received – check crossing points safe	Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (Via)	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	Reference included in July 2018 Highways Safety & Management discussion document
Overhanging hedging obscuring pavements	Encourage owners to keep on top of overgrowth. Ask PC to help resolve issues.	Polite message in Bleasby News during growing periods to remind people & that ongoing issues should be reported to Parish Clerk	Local community, Parish Council	Medium	Spring / Summer	Already in action

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Slippery pavements during winter due to fallen leaves	Encourage owners to clear fallen leaves from their property. Instigate group to help keep communal areas of parish clear. Ask PC to help resolve issues.	Polite message in Bleasby News during growing periods to remind people & that ongoing issues should be reported to Parish Clerk	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Local community	Medium	Autumn / Winter	Already in action
Cycling/Horse Riding						
Improve road safety for cyclists & horse riders	Reduce speed throughout village & lobby for better road conditions	Make some areas quiet roads (eg. Gypsy Lane, Gibsmere). Carry out full audit of road conditions throughout parish taking into account comments received & report to NCC	Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (Via)	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	Reference included in July 2018 Highways Safety & Management discussion document
Create more off road routes for cyclists & horse riders	Convert footpaths to bridleways & identify new off road routes	Identify areas where safer routes are needed & approach land owners/NCC to create network of off-road routes linking to other existing bridleways & surrounding villages	Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (Via), Landowners, Sustrans, Cycle Network, Bleasby Bikers	Low	Report to be completed by end 2018	Reference included in July 2018 Highways Safety & Management discussion document
Cars						
Speeding concerns / road safety	Reduce speeding through parish and improve safety at hazardous locations	Parish Council to carry out initial analysis of feedback from questionnaire, research options & produce discussion document. Obtain results for speeding tube tests for both Bleasby & Goverton. Liaise with Thurgarton Parish Council regarding reducing speed between Thurgarton & Goverton. Contact local authorities for advice. Research ways to calm traffic in rural villages. Consider alternative methods such as 'physiological' traffic calming which may also be more sympathetic to the rural nature of parish, for example 'gateways' to enter village. Markings in road near school where children cross the road. Find out why red tarmac at Highcross/Goverton corner was removed. NB parked cars can reduce speeding.	Parish Council, Notts County Council Highways (VIA), Police, Department of Transport, Sustrans	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	Speeding tubes at Goverton & Bleasby, Speeding stickers on rubbish bins, Speeding sign requested from Nottinghamshire County Council 2017, Highways (VIA) requested to meet with Parish Council, Reference included in Highways Safety & Management discussion document July 2018

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Parking issues	Solution for safer school drop off/pick up Solution for railway parking Address pub parking on Gypsy Lane	Car park, walking bus, driveway share scheme, Manor Close junction. Provision of car park Road markings to enforce, signage & lighting Approach Waggon to improve condition & lighting of carpark & promote usage	Parish Council, Bleasby School, Waggon & Horses, Local land owners, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (VIA)	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	PC contacted Highways Feb 2018 for advice, leaflets delivered to local residents re driveway sharing, parents approached to park more considerately, reference included in Highways Safety & Management discussion document July 2018
Condition of roads & verges	Lobby for repairs to roads Install measures to protect verges	Carry out full audit of road & verge conditions throughout parish taking into account comments received & report to NCC	Parish Council, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways (VIA), Farming community	High	Report to be completed by end 2018	Local farmers approached re avoiding driving on verges, reference included in Highways Safety & Management discussion document July 2018
Public Transport						
Limited bus service	Improve 300 Medi-connect bus service. Explore options for accessing 100 service at Thurgarton	Liaise with residents using bus service to understand what they want. Promote service regularly in village & via website so we don't lose it. Find out if 100 bus can divert via Bleasby. Note - buses are free for over 60s, trains are only discounted	Parish Council, Local community, Nottinghamshire County Council Transport	High	2018	Since questionnaire was collated, improvements to the 300 bus service have been discussed with Chris Ward at NCC
Enhance existing bus service	Explore alternative transport options to better suit those who require it	Investigate options for community bus, lift share, help a neighbour scheme, Thurgarton/Lowdham connection (e.g. Boris bikes or bike sheds), access to school buses when empty. Improve footpaths/cycle routes to public transport points & investigate possibility for bike shed/rack, could empty school bus be made accessible ?	Parish Council, Chris Ward, Nottinghamshire County Council Transport, Local community	Medium	2018-2019	
Local Community Minibus	Investigate funding & to purchase and run a local community minibus	Connect adjacent village, connecting to the bus at Thurgarton, doctors and shopping, social events hire/use. Local groups day trips. Transporting children to activities, to enable children to take part in after school clubs & events at the Minster School/Leisure Centre. Late service from Southwell to Bleasby for nights out, taxi service. Collecting students from Lowdham etc.	Parish Council, Chris Ward at Nottinghamshire County Council Transport, Local businesses, Village Groups	Medium	2018-2019	Enquiry made at PC meeting with Chris Ward re minibus. NCC can put us in touch with Ravenshead who run a successful community minibus service.

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Opportunity to make more use of the train service	Explore options for maximising train use, e.g. a more frequent service, parking at the station, late trains back from Nottingham, Sunday service.	Conduct further research (e.g. focus groups) to better understand resident's needs. Review service and parking arrangements at other local stations ie. Lowdham have a problem with parking which they have been told is due to lack of parking at Thurgarton & Bleasby – note Lowdham have direct service to London ! Could use community minibus to access better service at other stations if not possible to get stops at Bleasby.	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Local community	Medium	2018-2019	Lack of use by Bleasby residents cited as a possible future reduction in the service. Since questionnaire took place a Sunday service has been implemented.
Community lift scheme	Research existing examples of community lift schemes to establish best way of running a scheme	Identify a coordinator and publicise the scheme. Look into & publicise hospital transport offered via Newark & Sherwood District Council	64 people would be willing to offer someone a lift occasionally, for example to get to the doctors or shopping. Possibly tie in with the Neighbourhood Watch Group	High	2018	
VILLAGE ASSETS & FACILITIES						
Open spaces in Bleasby						
Increase the use of Glebe Field	Understand the diverse opinions on how Glebe Field should be used & maintained by the community and the restrictions on its development	Hold a focus group	Parish Council, Glebe Field Advisory Group, Events Group, Neighbouring properties including church & pub, Local Community.	High	Autumn 2018	
Increase use of Jubilee Ponds	Investigate ways to make the ponds feel safer and more welcoming for all users, access for disabled people. Understand the relationship between fishermen and other users the restrictions on its development and maintenance	Hold a focus group, Provide information material, organise open days, Establish a range of 'trails' - focus, length & accessible. Activity sessions	Parish Council, Bleasby Carp Syndicate, Local Community, Conservation organisations.	Medium	By end of 2018	Parish Council focus on future management of the ponds.

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Review of other accessible open spaces within the village – school grounds, Ferry End, Orchard Close Triangle etc.	Survey and evaluate current usage and state. Consider feedback from questionnaire – in particular additional seating/picnic benches.	Focus Group, Investigate opportunity for local businesses to sponsor	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Bleasby School	Low	2018-2019	Open spaces already registered with NSDC, School governors reviewing grounds maintenance & availability
Bleasby Village Hall & St Mary's Church						
Increase use of Village Hall	Investigate how to utilise existing space more effectively, publicise review parking provision, investigate WiFi, publicise equipment for hire, review décor and implement online booking system	Share questionnaire information with the Bleasby Village Hall Management Committee and support through Events Group	Bleasby Village Hall Management Committee, Events Group, Bleasby News, Website	Sharing information - High, BVHMC to review and consider feedback	Spring 2018	Much of feedback has already been considered and implemented where appropriate (limited physically and financially)
Use the Church as a venue to increase engagement	Opportunity to hold larger events, film screenings and more family services and activities	Share questionnaire information with Parochial Church Council. Village Hall could consider recommending Church for larger events (where appropriate). Event held at church to publicise its use and potential as a venue	Parochial Church Council, Bleasby Village Hall Management Committee, Events Group	High	Spring 2018	Feedback from questionnaire shared with PCC. Royal Wedding screened in church 19/5/18 and discussions re further use already taking place with Parochial Church Council and Events Group
Outcomes affecting village assets						
Improve facilities for children within the village	Provision of play equipment and facilities for all aged children within the village	Establish a representative group (including children and young people) to carry out independent research and progress with Parish Council Agree facilities taking into account constraints passed on by village asset focus groups.	Parish Council, Bleasby School	High	As soon as focus groups have produced guidelines for open spaces	
Maintenance & improvement of communal spaces/buildings	Form a database of volunteers to be called upon to help with a variety of jobs within the village. Create 'Bleasby Estate Management Group' to monitor, review & initiate jobs to do	Contact people who offered to help through questionnaire, appeal for help from community, approach businesses for sponsorship of materials where necessary.	Parish Council, Bleasby News, Local community, Local Businesses	High	Autumn 2018	

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Policy for dogs in village communal areas	Understand range of opinions of where dogs are allowed on and off leads	Establish focus group including dog owners and non dog owners	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council dog warden, Bleasby Carp Syndicate, dog owners	Medium	Autumn 2018	
Environment & Services						
Flooding & Sewerage						
Risk of flooding	Share information in regards to insurance & flood prevention	Use existing communications & liaise with Flood Action Group	Parish Council, Flood Action Group, Trent Village Drainage Board, Environment Agency	High	Autumn 2018	Feedback from questionnaire shared with Flood Action Group
Risk of flooding	More regular street cleaning to prevent drainage holes blocking on Station Road	Ask Parish Council to ensure Newark & Sherwood District Council maintain regular street cleaning	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council	High	Autumn 2018	
Risk of flooding	Ensure building alterations do not have a detrimental effect on flooding	Monitor planning applications for flood risk	Parish Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council	High	Ongoing	Already in action
Sewerage System overloaded	Campaign for new/improved system	Liaise with Flood Action Group, Approach Severn Trent, Lobby MP	Severn Trent, Flood Action Group, Parish Council	High	Long term	
Various						
Improved mobile phone reception	Install new phone mast to service the East side of Bleasby	Find an appropriate location and liaise with mobile providers	Parish Council	High	Summer 2018	New mast being installed
Crime prevention	Re-establish Neighbourhood Watch Group	Contact interested respondents from questionnaire and initiate a meeting	Parish Council, Safer Neighbourhood Group, Local PCSO	High	Spring 2018	Inaugural meeting 29/3/18 – 3 meetings subsequently
Improved broadband connection	Investigate existing broadband offered & potential improvement	Liaise with Fiskerton-cum-Morton re F4RN installed	Parish Council, F4RN	Medium	2019	Brief overview by F4RN at July Parish Council meeting
Need for village shop	Explore options for a sustainable shop facility within the parish	Initial ideas include community run shop, franchise opportunities (Fiskerton Mace), Initiative with the school	Parish Council, Fiskerton Shop, Lowdham Newsagent, Milkman, Local businesses	Medium	2019	

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Improve awareness of existing local businesses and services	Create a village directory of local trades people and services. Utilize existing village communications, Partner with local businesses for village events	Collate information & facilitate community recommendations of trusted tradespeople & service providers. Contact local businesses for ideas on how we can help support them. Business questionnaire ? Could incorporate opportunity to ask for sponsorship in return ? Share any relevant/appropriate feedback from questionnaire and any actions PPSG has identified	Parish Plan Steering Group, Bleasby News editors, Local Businesses	Medium	2019	
Need for new housing	Produce a Neighbourhood Plan	Form a community steering group in conjunction with the Parish Council. Contact Thurgarton for guidance/feedback on their plan.	Parish Council, Rural Communities Action in Nottinghamshire, Newark & Sherwood District Council	Low	Following completion of Parish Plan	
Need for local childcare	Investigate preschool and school holiday cover opportunities	Limited for pre-school by size of village hall & clubs offered locally. Breakfast club & after school club at Bleasby offered. Float suggestion of holiday club with Bleasby After School Club to see if they want to take forward. Look to events group and those offering help with activities & refereeing for ad-hoc activities/clubs in the village.	Bleasby School & After School Club, Bleasby Playgroup	Low	2019	
Keeping in touch & Getting Involved						
Improve village websites	Commission new website and method for ongoing management of all on-line communications	Update existing information, provide clarity on official website/web address, review other village websites for best practice, improve user experience, navigation and appearance	Parish Council	High - top priority	2018	Steering group members have already reviewed other websites
More effective email communications	Create a new Parish Council owned contact list independent of website. Formalise a policy for the management of the email service - note GDPR rules	Agree ownership of service and data. Appoint a Communications Coordinator (for all village communication)	Parish Council	High - top priority	In conjunction with the website	Ideas/discussions on best way to communicate by various parish plan emergent groups

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Review village notice board locations and visibility	Review feasibility of suggested village locations. Consider moving Glebe Field notice board (if permitted) and review informal notice boards/fences already used	Locations include: Station road, End of School Lane/Railway end of village, Gibsmere, Goverton	Parish Council, Bleasby School, Local Businesses	High	2018	
Spreading urgent news alerts	Identify methods of communication used and create flowchart to follow during an event	Investigate ways to communicate during emergencies - particularly vulnerable people or those not using internet. Other options - VETS system, WhatsApp	Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch Group	High	2018	
Welcoming and engaging new people to the village	Review and update existing welcome booklet	Keep up to date by linking in with village communications officer, check how new parishioners are identified	Ali Sutherland, Bleasby News, Neighbourhood Watch Group	Medium	Ongoing	