



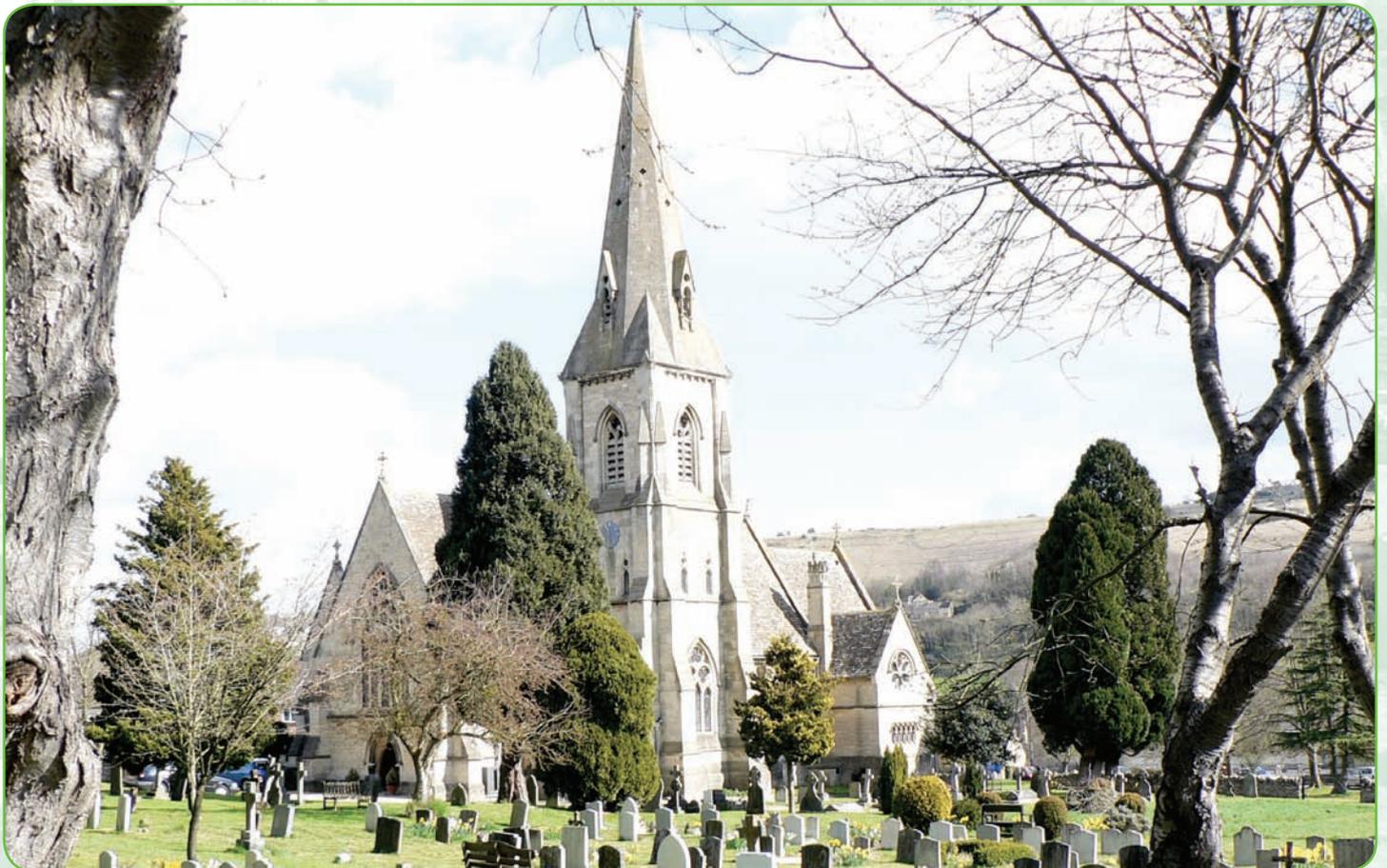
THE WOODCHESTER PARISH PLAN UPDATE 2012

A Parish Plan is both a record of the features that contribute to the character of a village and an action plan for what local people feel should be preserved or changed in the future. Local Government at Parish, District and County level is committed to taking into account the needs and concerns of local residents when planning and formulating policy. Parish Plans are seen as one tool by which local people can participate in and influence this process.

Woodchester's Parish Plan was originally completed in 2005 and updated in 2006. It has now been reviewed and refreshed to ensure it reflects the community's aspirations and needs. The Parish Council has moved forward over 80% of the actions from the original plan but, as the external environment has changed a good deal since 2005 (especially in the last six months when the impact of government spending cuts on County and District Councils have become clearer) it is now time to revise the plan. The climate change agenda has also become stronger in the past five years and our current plan does not reflect this.

The Parish Council has therefore taken a proactive part in trying to involve the Parish in this process. There have been village meetings including the Annual Parish meeting village and school fetes and produce shows at which views were sought. The results of a number of surveys of the views of local residents including those on housing and the environment in the related Village Design Statement, of local services in a survey by Cllr. Wigzell in her capacity as our local District Councillor, and of cycling facilities by Sustrans have been incorporated into this update.' The prize of a 'Kindle' was offered and won by a resident in exchange for ideas. In this document we look at what we set out to achieve in 2005, where we have succeeded and what we have failed to complete to date. The final section is what we want to add to our wish list of improvements.

There are further documents held by the Parish Clerk on a number of relevant items included in this Plan. Available on request from the Parish Clerk at clerk@Woodchesterparish.org.uk.



What have we achieved since 2005?

Roads, Transport and Travel

- Controlled crossing on A46. (Scott's Crossing)
- Flashing speed sensitive signs on A46.
- Improved and enhanced crossing points on A46 near Frogmarsh Lane.
- Improved crossing from Manor Garden in progress.

Public Utilities, Council Services and Community Safety

- Footpath information pack available from Historical Society and Post Office at a cost of £0.50p.
- Limited police presence through PCSO Police Information Points (PIP) in Post Office and Neighbourhood Warden.
- Mobile library service subject to revision.

Housing and Planned Development

- Village Design Statement providing planning guidelines for future development.

Village Facilities, Shops, Volunteer Groups, Village Events

- One thriving Post Office and shop.
- Increased use of village hall facilities.
- New hall in Endowed School.
- Annual Village Fete and Street Party
- Christmas Carols and Nativity.
- Annual Flower and Produce Festival
- Village Website
- Open Gardens Scheme
- Renovated War Memorial and 90th Anniversary Commemoration together with leaflet.
- Bigger and better Woodchester Word which is presently nearly self funding.
- South Woodchester Amenity Land Trust (SWALT) providing land for allotment site and play area offered.
- Dedicated village funds available for events.
- Welcome pack for residents.



Environment, Conservation, Recreation and Tourism

- Annual litter pick
- Opportunity for local B&B's to promote on Website.
- Woodchester Mansion improvements

Employment

- Piano Works now fully in use and ready for tenancy occupancy.
- Business Directory for Website in place.

Educational Facilities

- Thriving schools at full capacity and waiting lists.
- SBKA Apiary and wildlife garden in the St Dominic's School playing field.
- Closer links with churches, schools and parish council.
- Cycle shed at Endowed school.



What have we failed to achieve since 2005?

Roads, Transport and Travel

- Speeding along A46 and all village roads..
- Parking problems in South Woodchester.
- Other safe crossing points on A46.
- No reduction of speed limit to 20mph in the village.

Public Utilities, Council Services and Community Safety

- Maintain good council services.
- Maintain good police presence.
- Maintain good library services.
- Maintain good bus services.
- All services subject to change owing to available financial support.

Housing and Planned Development

- Development of Rooksmoor Mill.
- Building of affordable housing for local residents.

Village Facilities, Shops, Volunteer Groups

- Retain one Post Office and shop.
- Playgroup in need of new hall.
- No Playgrounds outside school areas.

Environment, Conservation, Recreation and Tourism

- Keep village in good order but room for improvement.
- Open Roman Pavement

Employment

- Better broadband for home workers.

Educational Facilities

- Encouraging parents to pool transport.
- Limited outside sports facilities.



What do we wish to achieve within the next 5 years?

Roads, Transport and Travel

- Better parking arrangements or facilities for South Woodchester.
- 20mph speed limits throughout the village.
- Encouraging parents to pool transport. Car sharing schemes.
- Control of speeding on A46.
- Better access to properties adjacent to A46.

Public Utilities, Council Services and Community Safety

- Improve police presence in village.
- Keep library services.
- Improve bus services.
- Improve cycle track.

Housing and Planned Development

- More affordable housing in relation to Village Design Statement.
- Better control of new buildings as per Village Design Statement.

Village Facilities, Shops, Volunteer Groups

- Locally produced meat and vegetables to be available.
- Meeting facilities for South Woodchester residents.
- Greater use of village hall for lunch clubs.
- Replacing and refurbishing notice boards throughout the village

Environment, Conservation, Recreation and Tourism

- Expand green energy initiatives with awareness of global warming and encourage the use of solar energy and car sharing schemes.
- More wildlife habitats.
- Garden sharing schemes.
- Expand use of SWALT site.

Employment

- Encourage local employment and home working.
- Encourage combined workshop/residential premises.

Educational Facilities

- Continued support for the schools.
- More school facilities, clubs, play areas and young person's facilities.
- Resilience to climate change.
- Any action that forges community links from individual to organisational level.
- Engage young people in all aspects of village life.

