

## Dunsford Parish Plan 2017



**Background:** The last Dunsford parish plan was produced in 2008. The Parish Council were keen that the views and wishes of the parish were accurately represented in an updated Parish Plan. In 2016 a Parish Plan Steering Group was established with two Parish Councillors plus four local residents. They conducted an “Open Day” to launch the process and start the data collection in July 2016; subsequently a survey was sent out to all households in the parish, local businesses and school parents. The team reviewed the feedback received and produced the draft Parish Plan, which was circulated with the August parish magazine and handed out to local residents at the Village Fete in July. The feedback received from this last phase has been incorporated into the final Parish Plan, which will drive our Action Plan. The plan now moves from draft to delivery.

The Parish Council are keen for interested members of the community to take an active part in putting the plan into action. If you would like to be involved in any parts of the plan’s implementation then please write an email detailing your area of interest and how you think you could support the work and send it to [dunsfordvillage@gmail.com](mailto:dunsfordvillage@gmail.com).

### **Scoring system:**

**S\* = Strength of Support from community:** High, Medium or Low

**P\* = Priority:** 1 = start immediately, 2 = start within 8 months, 3 = may take longer to resolve and require external help, 4 = not requiring action at present, review in 12 months

## **Housing and infrastructure**

*Our community is rural, unspoilt and generally has good infrastructure; residents want to keep it that way. Limited, affordable housing is required, which should be spread out. Parking, speeding, particularly on the B3212, and road/ditch maintenance are issues.*

<b>S*</b>	<b>P*</b>	<b>Issue/opportunity</b>	<b>Plan of action</b>
M	1	Housing development / type / location	Discuss and develop ideas with Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA)/ landowners / developer
H	2	Lack of car parking in the village	Plan A is to incorporate with housing plan and, if impossible, develop plan B
H	1	Road maintenance/pothole issues	Encourage on-line reporting; Government supported iPhone & android app: Fill That Hole
M	2	Traffic speed, particularly on B3212 and Briton Street	Create a focus group to meet with DNPA & Devon County Council (DCC) - Highways
H	1	Community bulk purchase of oil*	Signpost people to the current syndicate run by Tony Clapham.
H	3	Poor flood prevention/ditch maintenance	Seek support from landowners & DCC to clear their ditches
* Several bulk order ideas were discussed but dismissed due to possible impact on local traders.			

## **Community Services and Connectivity**

A multi-provider mast has recently been established after a long period of campaigning. However, Highspeed Broadband does not reach all areas in the Parish and causes significant frustration. The current 359 bus service is much valued but access to the doctors and hospital by public transport is extremely difficult. For a small rural village Dunsford has excellent, well regarded and well supported facilities/services. E.g. garage, shop/post office, pub, church, café/restaurant, village hall plus a Community Primary School. The lack of a Doctor's surgery causes some concern. Crime is low.

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H	1	Mobile phone reception	A multi-service provider mast has gone on line, after years of campaigning. The reliability and quality will be monitored.
H	1	Broadband speed	via District Councillor Amanda Ford
H	2	Current bus service	Use it & praise it or we might lose it
M	1	Transport to GP surgery	Signpost Acorn & create list of willing parish drivers
L	4	Village hall -replacement?	Needs land so extremely unlikely; refurbishment instead
M	1	Access to GP services	Signpost to Acorn for transport
L	4	Youth club	Would it be supported? Could it be staffed? Unlikely

## **Recreation & Environment**

*The local environment is much valued by residents. The village has a multi-age group outdoor activity area undergoing refurbishment and many footpaths but no direct pedestrian access to the nearby Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve. There are some in-parish clubs and many more available locally, especially at the Teign Valley Community Hall.*

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M	2	Footpath to Steps Reserve from Village	Plan A - Revisit with landowners; Plan B - develop a bridge solution to compliment the stepping stones
M	3	Extend path along B3212 to Meadhay corner	Seek alternative funding as Teignbridge District Council unlikely to do it
M	1	Dog poo issues in both village and at Steps	Bin at Steps Bridge car park now installed. Village requires vigilance and reminders
M	1	Visibility of the village green development plan	Karen Morris is planning an "open day" to update everyone
M	2	Club directory/contact list	Create a list of where they meet, contact details, put on village web page, in shop, pub & noticeboards
L	2	Local power generation	via Greener Teign?
M	2	Produce market	Needs a Champion
M	1	Clothes recycling	Signpost to school who already do it
M	2	Litter collection days	via SMATTER project
L	2	Need more non-fund raising, fun activities	Set up an entertainment group