Parish Plan Update

April 2024

Programme Update:

Given the passage of time since the Parish Council last reviewed the overall programme in September 2022 it would be timely to do so again. This takes into account progress in implementing approved projects as well as updated reflections on a number of lower priority schemes .A summary of current progress and budget deployment is set out below.

Overall budget- originally £236,000, since enhanced by two inflationary provisions to: £258,066 .08

- A. Environmental Mgt Plan -. Ongoing programme of environmental works around the village continuing. Spend to date £4,000.00. Budget provision reduced from original £26,000 Nov 2022
 £7,250 .00
- B. Lassington Wood Rec Imps –.comprises a range of individual pieces of equipment and site works. Project now completed with some works to the Children's Play Area funded direct by TBC. Final project cost: £54,681.50
- C Oakridge Footway Work completed but small retention sum retained within contract to deal with minor snagging work. Final cost: £114,663.97
- C. Village Community Café original budget £1,000 to fund exploratory works.
 Initiative taken over by Highnam Good Neighbour Scheme Objective now completed.
 £0
- **D.** Additional Allotments- No budget provision made. May be accommodated in due course under NDP Review initiative. To discuss ongoing need with Allotment Assoc.
- E. Mary Grove project original budget £10,000. This was always a low priority idea and no work has been done to progress it. This has been deleted for the time being. We can always revisit at a later date if funds permit.
 £0

F. The Dell – Original budget contribution £10,000. Project completed. £10,000

G Footpath Management scheme- no budget ascribed to this. Ongoing work.

H Speed Monitoring " " " " "Contacted Speed Awareness
Team to resurrect case for provision of Speed Activated units. Update report to May Council meeting. Will be funded by Speed Camera Partnership
£0

- I .Sports Facilities Neither FC Highnam nor Highnam Court Cricket Club wish to proceed with any improvement works on their current sites. No further action required.
- J. Welcome Pack £1,000 originally ascribed to this. Most of the work related to this has already been undertaken in conjunction with the Church. This provision has been deleted.
- K. Youth Club support £2,000 originally allocated. Doesn't look like proceeding
 Budget therefore deleted.

 £0
- L. Old School Improvements Works Contribution Works complete and contribution paid for Phases 1 and 2. Small actual overspend against revised budget of £60,000.

£62,252.92

- M. Support for Village Community Groups Original budget £10,000. £6,000 has already been paid out for the following approved projects: £2k each to Highnam Heritage (£462 balance left to spend), Highnam Players, and the PCC .No other request for funding has been received despite publicising its availability. Now capped at £6,000
- **N. Improvements to Public Transport:** No funds allocated. Stagecoach have recently reinstated the night time bus service until 11pm.

Total revised spend/ commitment:

£254,848.39

Balance available for future allocation

£3,217.69

£0

Cllr Charlie Coats: April 2024