



Kim Bedford: Training for Local Councils

BAYSTON HILL PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT / SUMMARY

Taken from all the ideas shared on 12/10/22, are a number of projects which it was felt would make up the Action Plan for 2023 – 2024. I have listed these below.

OBSERVATIONS

Looking at all the possibilities shared together, what struck me was the dedication and commitment of the Councillors to the wellbeing of the people in the community, the environment and its sustainability through both the current demands on all, but also in the short and longer term.

It will be important to decide initially what the Council can do yourselves, what you could do with other organisations and what is outside your remit / abilities. I hope you are able to do this so that you do not get distracted from your goals. But also do not get 'burnt out' / frustrated / de-motivated by spreading yourselves too thinly on ideas you cannot achieve! – However laudable they may be..... Be strategic, but realistic.

THE BASIC PROCESS

Recognise your priorities, perhaps test the ideas with community, and assess what you need to achieve them, budget to give appropriate resourcing and Precept.

Follow this up with a monitoring document. Who is responsible for each project?

(Person / Committee?)

The process - how and what to do stage by stage / realistic time span.

Checking points to assess progress, problems, on budget? Implications?

Keep the Council informed

Reporting to the Community

Proposed action Plan 2023 – 2024

Transport / Access

Dial a ride to Wellbeing Hub – Is transport needed when booking an appointment?

Improve speed management – speed signs/ '20 is plenty', engineering solutions

Environment / Buildings

Parr's Pool - Create a sensory garden and wildflower meadow and Wildlife pond

Complete a building appraisal and feasibility study before action agreed

The Community

Offer bigger grants to groups..... to encourage 'community,' shared responsibility and create a network of groups the PC could work with

Improve access to DDA Play equipment / drainage / Path and a toilet

Auto mated access / freer access = security measures

Carbon Neutral Approach

Storage batteries for solar panels

All street lights to convert to LED

Community purchase of renewable energy – shared?

Events 2023 / 2024

Jubilee Parade / Coronation event

Big Green Week

The Parish Council

Fill vacant Council Seats asap.

Work with other organisations / networking – Create a list of possible groups / organisations both within the village and externally

Better website

Finally.....

Overall the Councillors agreed, better communication and promotion of activities. IE; website, social media village magazine, and info board, would all help raise the profile of the Council in the Community. This in turn, should help the future engagement with the community, possibly more volunteers, easier filling vacant seats on the Council and the confidence and image of the Council. Coupled with greater credibility in working with other organisations where they can see your efforts and successes.

Do take a look at all your ideas in 2023 and maybe some will be transferred to you 24/25 Action Plan. Some will fall away as others come forward. Early next year, consider how you will use your Annual Community meeting / meetings to promote the council and your activities and give the community 'a voice' for their ideas. Manage these expectations carefully.....

Best wishes,

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