

DRAFT: Potential Projects for Village Improvement Programme/External Funding

Parish Plan Improvement Outcome	No	Project	Benefit to the Community	Evidence of Need	Linked to Parish Council Priorities	Linked to Community Led Parish Plan	Status	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source / Comments
Improve the Cemetery	1	Memorial Wall	Alternative memorial to a much more expensive burial	Burial Space Limited New Cemetery unaffordable	Yes	No	PC approved seeking quotes from Architects in MM/YY to allow options to be considered	Unknown	Earmarked Cemetery Reserve
	2	Provision of 2 New Marmax Benches Replace existing 2 metal Benches with Marmax Benches Provision of 2 square Marmax Planters within cemetery/ flower beds Provision of smaller waste basket (s) Removes tree stumps	Improved visitor experience –	Existing seats in poor condition. Main waste bin lid too heavy and high for some visitors to open Visitor Feedback	Yes	No		£4k	Earmarked Cemetery Reserve General Maintenance Budget/Contingencies
	3	Repair/refurbishment of Cemetery Gates	Easier access	Gates very stiff and often left open	Yes	No	PC approved seeking quotes March 21	Unknown	Earmarked Cemetery Reserve General Maintenance Budget/Contingencies
	4	Development of Website/Social Media Platform	More user friendly		Yes - improve how the PC engages with the community	Yes		Unknown	Parish Council
	5	Development of Neighbourhood Plan	Statutory requirement to be considered in Planning application Community can have say in how the Parish should be developed			No	Background info gathering	Unknown	Unknown

Improvement Outcome	No	Project	Benefit to the Community	Evidence of Need	Linked to Parish Council Priorities	Linked to Community Led Parish Plan	Status	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source / Comments
Parks and green spaces are retained and improved	6	Install fencing and hedging to replace boulders on the old Sunderland Road	Reduced Anti Social Behaviour Environmental Improvement	Gaps in boulders too wide to stop vehicle access Some community support in response to VN	Yes	Yes	Awaiting quotation (2 rec'd from DCC) and more information <i>Potential alternative option option to use Marmax Fencing instead of galvanised /painted steel – no maintenance</i>	£20K	S106 Benridge Bank
	7	Replace existing 9 benches through out the Parish with Marmax benches	Improved environment – co coordinated approach to street furniture	Existing metal benches in need of refurbishment	Yes	Yes		£4k	S106 Benridge Bank
	8	Install 2 (Marmax) picnic benches and more waste bins on the “rec”	Better facilities for families Reduced anti-social behaviour around shop Some where for Young people to hang out	Anti social behaviour ,litter And damage to planter outside cost cutter – used as a seat by youth people with takeaway food	Yes	Yes		£1k	
	9	Replace black square planters with more marmax planters	Improved environment – co coordinated approach to street furniture across the whole parish		Yes	Yes		£3K	
	10	Outdoor Gym Equipment on the “Rec” /Adventure Play Park	Health & Wellbeing Something for the teenagers	Parish Plan – more activities for young people WRL Community		Yes		????	S106 Monies

				Facebook comment But.....advetnture park not used Would on the Rec be better??					
	11	Some new additions to the park. The one near the shops, maybe a play gym like the one at Belmont, More seating areas, picnic benches – a lot of field around the aprk, maybe the fence painted? A zebra crossing at the school road, crossing at the shop is also getting more dangerous.		VP Consultation Response					
	12	Improve the area around the doctors surgery - Landscaping, fencing, hardstanding, repairs to footpath, provision of rubbish bin, hanging baskets etc						????	S106 Monies
	13	More bulb planting			Yes	Yes		£2,500	
	14	Better maintenance of Village Greens Pruning/Removal of tree stumps/shrubs on village green on North Street/South Street Add more bulbs Strimming/more regular grass cutting		Recent residents concerns	Yes	Yes		£2000 Initially Annual ?	
	15	Improvements to green spaces and public footpaths, particularly the “picnic” area, signage and the footpaths between Chantry Place and the A690and across the A690. Concrete steps that are unsafe, crossing		VP Consultation Response	Yes	Yes		?	

		the A690 is unsafe, signage is missing and homeowners dumping garden waste on them. Also the footpath from across the A690, behind the allotments to the farm shop onto Pitington Lane is impassable. Provides access to the Farm Shop)							
Litter, fly tipping and dog fouling is reduced	16	More General Waste Bins Benridge Bank Inside church entrance on South Street Pithouse Lane Lower Station Road						£1,200	
	17	Clear the rubbish & dog faeces up		VP Consultation Response					
Reduce the level of anti social behaviour	18	See project no 6 above							
Improve Road Safety	19	Road mirror for cars mounted from Hall Lane headed on to South Street/North Street. An electric 30 mph sign that alerts drivers of the speed limit – outside the cemetery.		VP Consultation Response		Yes	Already considered by DCC traffic and police – expensive and ineffective		
Enhance Community facilities and activities	20	Extension of Christmas Lights and Decorations along the main bus route		2 VP Consultation Response					
	21	Jubilee Hall - Update and Improve – enhance the entrance to make it more welcoming		4 VP Consultation Response					S106 - £50K Community Pot Benridge Bank
	22	West Rainton FC ?????		12 VP Consultation Response					
	23	Music Lessons for local children		VP Consultation Response					
	24	Memorial Bench		VP Consultation					

				Response					
	25	After all the hard work she did for the village over the years, there should be a memorial to Kathleen Carr. It's a disgrace that 8 years after her death the parish council have never honoured her. (Former Parish Clerk who died 8 years ago)		VP Consultation Response					
	26	An electric Hire Vehicle for the village, plus charging point, a parking bay and a resident booking system		VP Consultation Response					Provision of vehicle by company if residents can demonstrate enough use to justify the location
	27	Christmas Fund Day in the Jubilee Hall, with maybe amateur panto and a village raffle where each household gets a free entry to some prizes (local businesses could benefits if prizes were purchased From them too.		VP Consultation Response					
	28	Bring back the annual summer fair on the rec with rides and bouncy castle		2 VP consultation responses					
	29	Summer Fair/Party Old People's Christmas Party		VP Consultation Response					
	30	Preservation /repairs to the war memorial		VP Consultation Response					
	31	A 3 age group community session in which older people speak about the village, show pictures, records etc) as it was and their lives at that time. This could be managed by adults for children		VP Consultation Response					
	32	Installation of Replacement Metal		Resident's suggestion made					

		Gates to Entrance of the St Mary's Church. (Planning consent already granted – was originally intended to be part of the VP, " Churchyard" Projec, but insufficient grant funding available		to our County Councillors for Neighbourhood Funding referred to PC					
	33	Install some " Lest we forget benches – Like those installed recently in Belmont/Carville		Resident's suggestion made to our County Councillors for Neighbourhood Funding referred to PC					
Improve awareness of community groups, Facilities, events and what's happening in the parish	34	<p>Improve community engagement -</p> <p>Develop and Improve the Parish Councils Website</p> <p>Develop Parish Council Communication Facebook Page/Account</p> <p>Better Parish Council Representation at Community events - PC Display Signs</p>	Raise profile & council reputation,		Yes	Yes	<p>PC approved the setting up of a communication workshop</p> <p>Initial draft design by former member</p> <p>Not progressed</p>		
	35	Develop Neighbourhood Plan so that the PC can have more influence on planning developments within the parish	Statutory requirement to be considered in Planning application Community can have say in how the Parish should be developed	Parish Councillor initiative	Yes – in relation to the potential adverse impact on the community as result of major developments	Indirect – re keeping community aware of manage planning applications	Info gathering		
	36	A steel band as an arts group for current pupils but also as an alumni for past pupils to stay involved in the school.		Primary Head Teacher suggested project for S106 monies			£12K _ for full kit including cases and a years worth of coaching for Durham Music Service		

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