



Cawston Parish Plan 2010

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Introduction

Cawston Parish Plan is based on the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire undertaken in Autumn 2009.

The Parish Plan sets out a vision of how the community of Cawston wants the Parish to develop over the short to medium term; with a focus on the next 5 years.

The Parish Plan identifies the actions required to implement the changes most valued by the residents of the Parish.

It is down to residents in conjunction with the Parish Council to implement the actions.

The resulting Action Plan will be reviewed on a regular basis by the Parish Council / appointed working groups and other agencies as appropriate.

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Summary

The statistics quoted in the Parish Plan are based upon the combined results of the online and paper Parish Plan Questionnaire of Autumn 2009.

The survey showed that the majority of respondents enjoy living in Cawston, but there are mixed sentiments about the level of community spirit:-

Positive

Strong support for events such as the Christmas Carol Service and Cawston Primary School Summer Sizzler.

Negative

There are no community facilities in Cawston which encourage social bonding. e.g. shops, parish hall, pub etc.

So how do we develop more of a “community spirit”? There is no quick fix – we all need to get more involved! Make new friends, get to know neighbours and support local functions. When built, the Parish Hall will provide a base for community activities. In the meantime, the Parish Council can help to develop community spirit in several ways:-

- Funding minor community facilities such as developing a village green or picnic areas near the pond
- Encouraging the formation of a social committee to organise events such as a bonfire night celebration, which was strongly supported by respondents
- Supporting community events

About Cawston Parish

Cawston is a civil parish close to the south-east of Rugby, Warwickshire, just off the A4071 / Rugby Western Relief Road.

For hundreds of years Cawston was basically a hamlet and the two settlements remained separate despite Rugby's continued growth. However in 2001/2 construction of a new housing estate, Cawston Grange began. Cawston Grange Primary School was built shortly after this to educate children in the area aged 4-11. A nursery for pre-school children was also opened in the grounds of the primary school.

The old Rugby to Leamington railway line ran through the old village (before being dismantled in the Dr Beeching era) and its path can still be walked along.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cawston,_Warwickshire

What's in a name? Cawston Parish Street Names

In 1066 the estate is referred to in the Domesday Book as **Calvestone**, believed to mean **Kalf's** Farm. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1041 – 1066) the land had been owned by a **Noble** called **Edwin**, but by 1086 it was part of the estate of **Turchil**, the **Saxon** Earl of Warwick.

In 1150 Turchil's son Siward granted the land to the **Monks** of **Pipewell**. That is when it first became known as Causton (meaning Kalf's Town). The Pipewell monks built **Cawston Grange**, which included a small monastery. The eleventh abbot was **Gerard** de Lega, who is best remembered for fighting Thurlaston over pasture rights.

At the reformation the Crown acquired the estate, selling it for £675 in 1545 to the **Boughton** family, who built Cawston Hall out of bricks from the demolished **Whitefriars** Church in Coventry. There were a lot of Boughtons, and they contribute several street names. Thomas Boughton (d 1558) married Margaret **Cave**; Edward (d 1589) married Suzanna whose second husband was George **Durrell**; Margaret, daughter of Edward, married a **Trussell**; Henry (d 1626) married **Joyce**; another Edward (d 1642) had a son-in-law called Sir Richard **Wortley**; **Francis** Boughton inherited the estate in 1669 and in 1739 left the Hall to his daughter **Judith**.

John the **Planter** (1690 – 1747) son of the first Duke of Montagu, owned land near Pipewell Abbey and spent his time planting lots of trees along the road from Dunchurch to Coventry. His younger daughter married George **Brudenell**, fourth Earl of Cardigan. Lord John Scott, a descendant of John the Planter, is immortalized in the Dunchurch statue which gets dressed up every Christmas. He married **Alicia Anne Spottiswood** in 1836. Her claim to fame is writing the music for 'Annie Laurie'.

In 1911, Charles Edward **Blyth** leased Cawston House plus sporting rights. In 1925 it was bought by Kenneth Mackay who became Earl of **Inchcape** in 1929. Kenneth's son (the second Earl and also Viscount Glenapp) in 1933 married Princess **Gold**, the eldest daughter of the Rajah of **Sarawak**. Around 1938 the house was bought by Richard Eales, who sold it to David Mitchell, after which Nellie Gurney- **Callier** rented it for her school.

Written by Sue Minton. Reference : 'A Short History of the Cawston Estate' by R F Smart (1967)

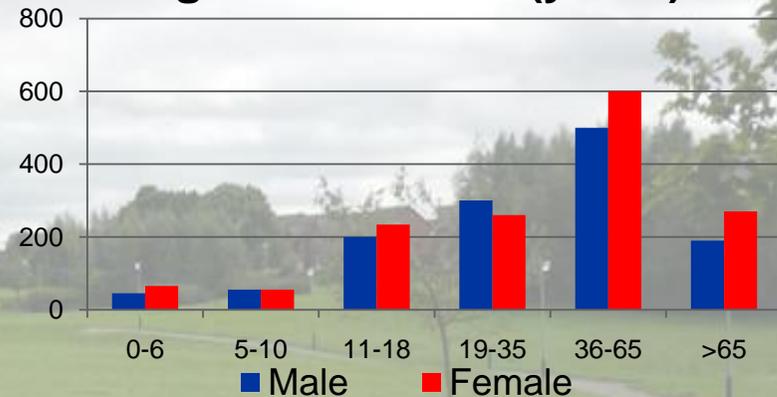
Demographics

The statistics relate to actual responses received.

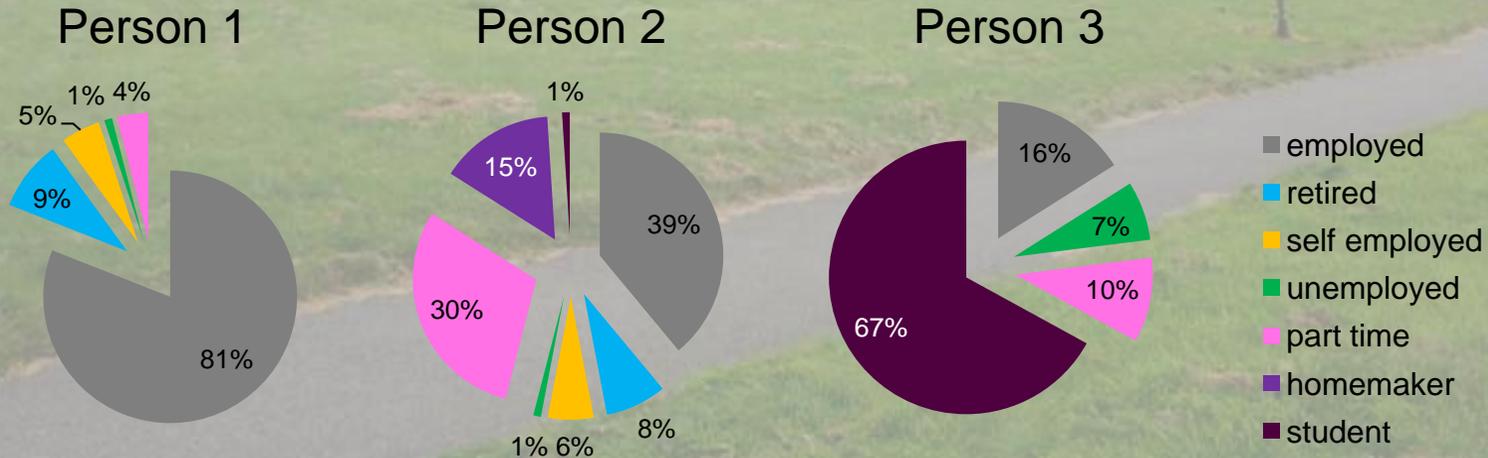
99% of respondents stated that the Cawston property was their main residence.

The average length of residency in 2009 was 5 years.

Age of residents (years)



Employment status of householders



Leisure & Recreation

There are currently few facilities for leisure & recreation within the parish.

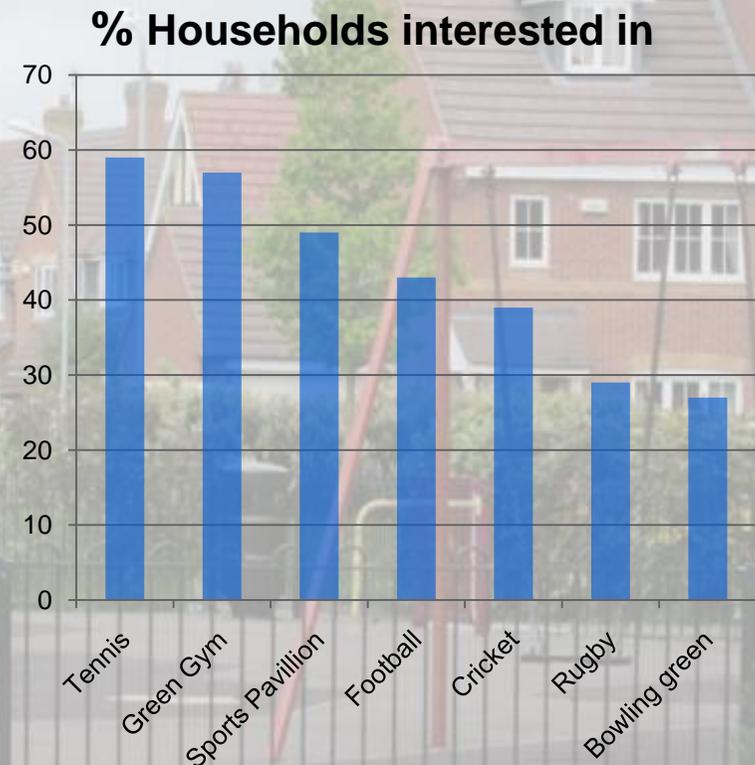
The survey showed that there is demand for outdoor sporting facilities within Cawston. This chart demonstrates the level of support.

Demand for tennis was highest and the possibility of incorporating this within the Parish Hall project will be investigated.

ACTION: Parish Council to consider possibility of providing tennis facilities

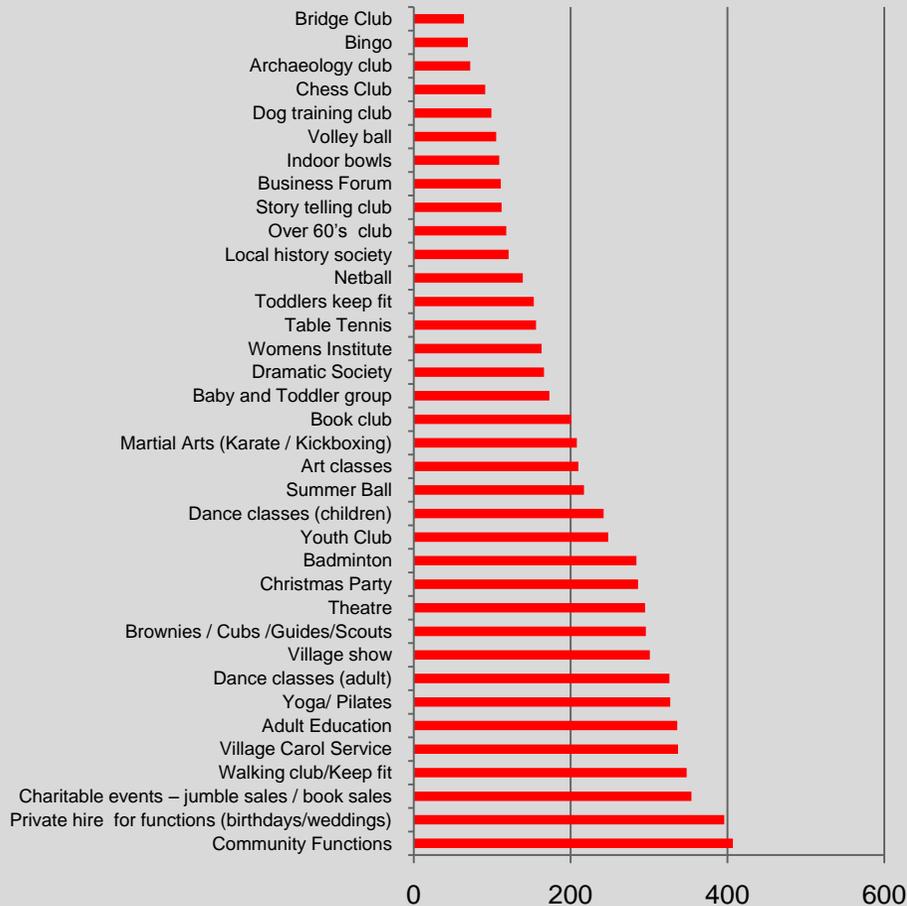
2nd most popular was the provision of a green gym - gym equipment installed in the open air. The concept of outdoor gyms is that they are free and accessible to all and don't need to be managed - similar to a playground. Each gym has a mixture of equipment - from traditional weight machines which use the participants own body weight, to gravity based treadmills and bikes.

ACTION: Parish Council to form a working group from the community to raise funding for a green gym



Parish Hall

No. households interested in

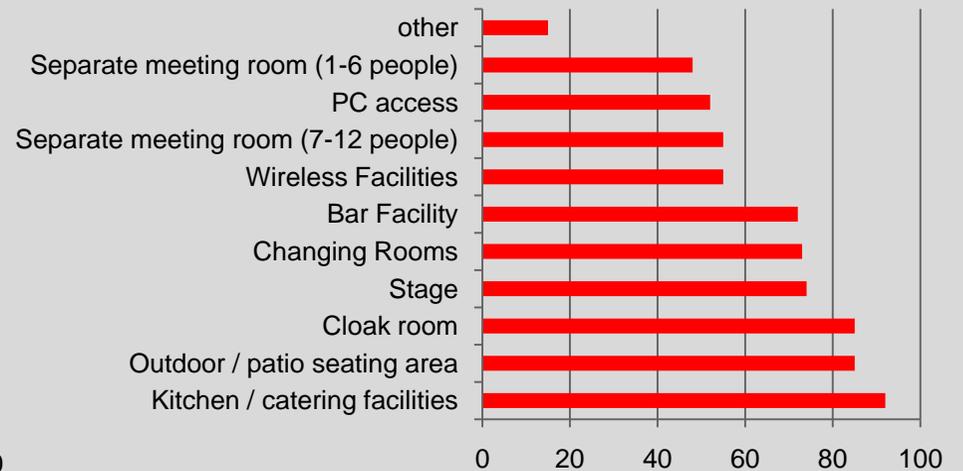


Residents were asked what facilities & activities the community would like to be available in the Parish Hall, as this will influence the design.

It was encouraging to see such a high level of interest. When built, the Parish Hall will contribute strongly to the development of the community.

The Parish Hall working party will use the results to incorporate your interests in the planning stage.

% households wanting facility



Traffic and Transport

Parking, Traffic & Public Transport

62% of the main income earners travel more than 10 miles to work - mostly by car or van. Cawston is ideally located for commuting with direct high speed rail links to London and Birmingham and easy access to the M1, M6 & M45.

Parking: average spaces per property is 2 ... 84% of respondents consider this adequate.

A third of respondents use the well maintained footpaths and pavements around Cawston, with the majority using them at least weekly.

Action: Parish Council to demand incorporation of footpaths of a similar nature when plans for expansion of Cawston are discussed with Rugby Borough Council.

Speeding in 30mph & 40mph areas remains of high concern, but there are mixed views as to whether traffic calming measures should be introduced.

Action: Further investigation is required to ascertain whether there is need for more traffic calming.

Action: Parish Council to work with the Police and RBC to introduce measures for checking the speed of vehicles

A third of respondents use the **local bus service** regularly. 86% are satisfied with the current service. There was no consensus regarding either the bus route being amended to include Cawston Grange Drive or whether bus shelters should be erected along the route but more respondents would like the service extended to beyond 7.30pm.

Action: Parish Council to lobby Stagecoach for extended bus times to Cawston & discuss possibility of amended route to include Cawston Grange Drive, to cater for expanding population.

Traffic and Transport continued

When looking at maintenance of amenities throughout Cawston Parish, over 70% of respondents were satisfied with the condition and maintenance of cycle paths, bus stops, public parking & seating.

Action: Member of the Parish Council to be nominated as the liaison officer for footpaths and cycle ways upkeep.

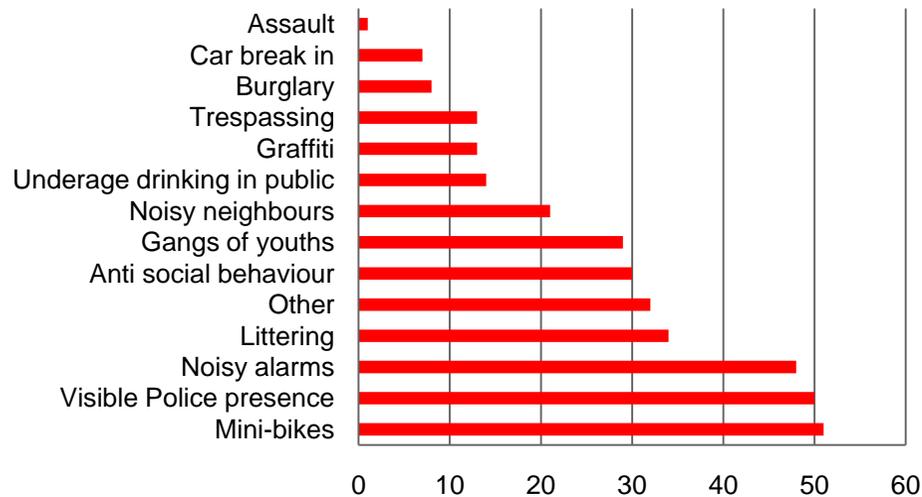
The condition of roads around the parish was of most concern to residents. At the time of publication (July 2010), most of the roads on the estate remain unadopted. The final surfacing will not take place until adoption is agreed. The Parish Council continues to press for adoption as soon as possible.

Action: The Parish Council will continue to press for adoption as soon as possible

Security, Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

The reported crime rate in Cawston Parish remains very low. We asked residents whether they had been affected by the following issues:

% households affected by:



Although over fifty percent of households stated that they had been affected by mini motorbikes, this is not reflected in the number of incidents recorded by the police.

Action: The Parish Council urges all householders to report any anti social behaviour / criminal activity to the police and to obtain an incident number – this is the only way we can ensure that our complaints are recorded and monitored by the police

Some areas of Cawston are covered by Neighbourhood watch schemes. These are statistically proven to deter household crime

Action: Parish Council to promote and encourage the formation of further Neighbourhood Watch groups.



Should you have any concerns with regards to any anti social behaviour / security issues, there are several means of raising your concerns:-

1. Attend the Rugby Town West Community Forum (meets quarterly in various locations publicised on notice boards)
2. Attend Neighbourhood Policing

Action: Parish Council to be represented at the community forum, to report back via Parish Council Website / Parish Council News and to promote attendance to residents.

Shopping / Commercial Facilities

There are currently no commercial facilities in Cawston. We asked residents to state their preference for the type of shops and services they would like to be available.



Action: Parish Council to work in conjunction with our Borough Councillor to support planning applications for the most popular facilities.

Several respondents expressed a desire for a doctor's surgery, but this has been ruled out by the Local Health Authority – there are plans to expand the doctor's surgery in Bilton. Some respondents did not wish to see any commercial development within the parish.

Parish Administration & Communication

Respondents were mostly satisfied with the variety of media used by the Parish Council to communicate with them, e.g. Parish Council News , Notice Boards, Parish Council Web Site.

Many people expressed an interest in receiving Parish information via the Parish Website or by email. Of the 110 residents who had contacted the Parish Council within the last 12 months, 38 thought the response they received was excellent, 21 good, 25 average, & 26 poor.

Action: Parish Council to review their response process.

Action: Parish Council to collate list of residents' email & postal addresses who wish to receive correspondence electronically.

Action: Parish Council to engage with residents more, e.g. utilise email list to update residents on current issues.

Future Housing



Residents were asked to define the type of housing that should be provided to cater for our future needs. Over 60% would like to see more 3 or 4 bedroom homes & bungalows. Over 50% would like to see more 5/6 Bedroom homes, & housing for elderly. The majority of respondents felt there was no need for further Housing Association Developments, Shared Ownership Developments, Sheltered Accommodation & Starter Homes.

Action: Parish Council should ensure that views of residents concerning future developments should be incorporated into the sustainable local development plan.

Action: Set up a working group to produce a Parish Design Statement, to encourage future developments to be in keeping with current design.

Education & Childcare

Residents were asked if their household required childcare facilities. 67% stated “Not required”, 21% “Using already” & 12% “Will require in the future”.

44 households currently use childcare facilities within the Parish and 54 would use them in the near future.

25 households choose childcare facilities outside the parish as it is more convenient.

36 households use childcare facilities outside the parish due to lack of suitable facilities in the parish (e.g. no under 2’s at Blue Strawberry).

169 children attend school within the Parish, 199 attend outside the Parish & 62 are in higher education.

Other education comments from the questionnaire: Future expansion of Cawston Primary School – to allow more children from the parish to attend their local school. This will become a more pressing issue as Cawston’s population increases.

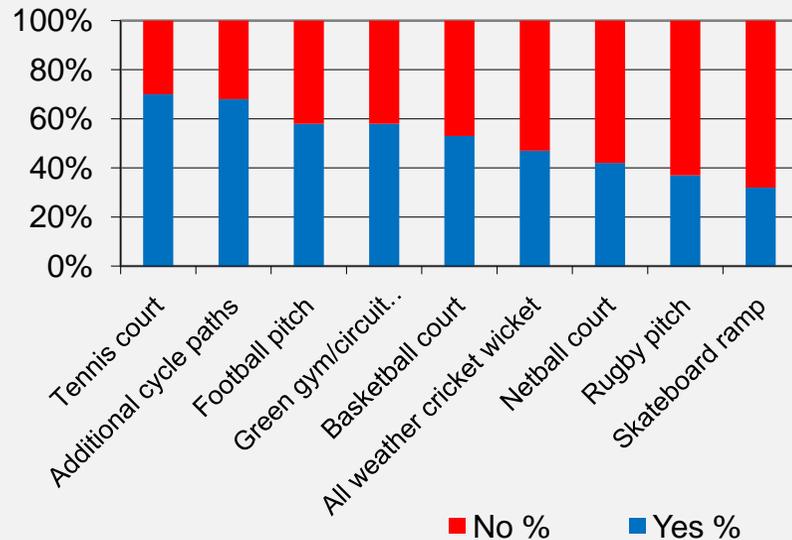
Action: Parish Council to investigate at what point (No. Households) a second primary school (or expansion of the current one) can be justified.

Youth Questionnaire

503 respondents completed the questionnaire, of whom 111 had a family member between the ages of 11 & 18.

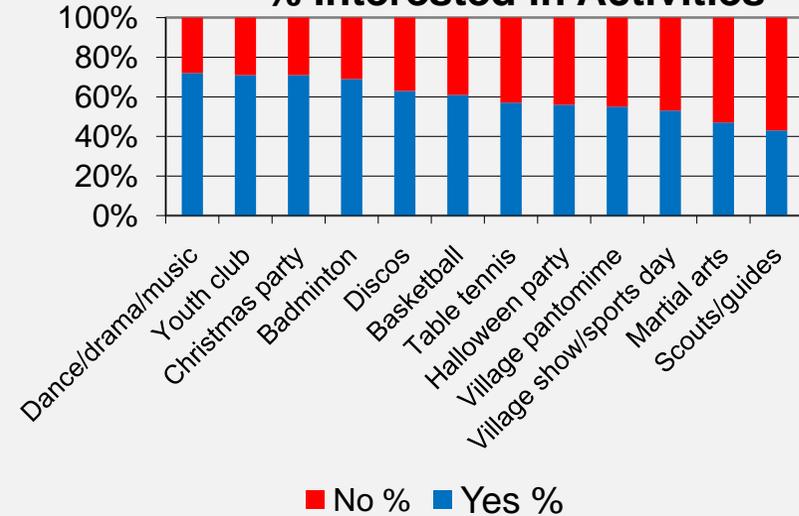
The questionnaire asked which of the following activities would be used if available in Cawston.

% Youths interested in..



They were also asked for ideas of youth related activities they would participate in based in the future Parish Hall.

% Interested in Activities



The most popular place to meet up with friends was someone's house and 98% had access to the internet. The most popular use of the local bus service was to go shopping with 57% wishing to see the service running through Cawston later in the evening.

63% think Cawston should have a Youth Parish Council with 25 people willing to stand for election.

Action: Parish Council to encourage formation of a Youth Council

Parish Plan Actions (1)

Description	Proposed Action	RBC = Rugby Borough Council	WCC = Warwickshire County Council	Priority	Timing
		Partners			
Leisure and Recreation	Parish Council to consider possibility of providing tennis facilities	Parish working group RBC, charity funding.		Medium	Long term
	Parish Council to form a working group from the community to raise funding for a green gym.	Parish working group, charity funding.		Medium	Short term
Traffic and Transport	Parish Council to demand incorporation of footpaths of a similar nature when plans for expansion of Cawston are discussed with Rugby Borough Council.	Parish Council, RBC, Consortium		Medium	Medium
	Further investigation is required to ascertain whether there is need for more traffic calming.	Parish Council, Police, RBC, WCC		High	Immediate
	Parish Council to work with the Police and RBC to introduce measures for checking the speed of vehicles	Parish Council, Police, RBC, WCC		High	Immediate
	Parish Council to lobby Stagecoach for extended bus times to Cawston & discuss possibility of amended route to include Cawston Grange Drive, to cater for expanding population.	Parish Council, RBC, WCC, Stagecoach		High	Immediate
	Member of the Parish Council to be nominated as the liaison officer for footpaths and cycle ways upkeep.	Parish Council, RBC,		Medium	Medium
	The Parish Council will continue to press for adoption of roads as soon as possible.	Parish Council, RBC, WCC, Consortium		High	Medium

Parish Plan Actions (2)

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Security, Crime and Anti Social Behaviour	The Parish Council urges all householders to report any anti social behaviour / criminal activity to the police and to obtain an incident number – this is the only way we can ensure that our complaints are recorded and monitored by the police	Parish Council, Police	High	Immediate
	Parish Council to promote and encourage the formation of further Neighbourhood Watch groups.	Parish Council, Police, Neighbourhood Watch Organisation	High	Medium.
	Parish Council to be represented at community forum, to report back via Parish Council website / Parish Council news and to promote attendance of residents.	Parish Council, Community Forum	High	Immediate
Shopping / Commercial Facilities	Parish Council to work in conjunction with our Borough Councillor to support planning applications for most popular facilities.	Parish Council, Borough Councillor	High	Immediate

Parish Plan Actions (3)

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Parish Administration and Communication	Parish Council to review their response process	Parish Council	High	Medium
	Parish Council to collate list of residents' email & postal addresses who wish to receive correspondence electronically.	Parish Council	High	Medium
	Parish Council to engage with residents more, e.g. utilise email list to update residents on current issues.	Parish Council	High	Medium
Future Housing	Parish Council should ensure that views of residents concerning future developments should be incorporated into the sustainable local development plan.	Parish Council, RBC, Developers	Medium	Medium
	Set up a working group to produce a Parish Design Statement, to encourage future developments to be in keeping with current design	Parish Council	Medium	Medium
Education and Childcare	Parish Council to investigate at what point (No. Households) a second primary school (or expansion of the current one) can be justified.	Parish Council, WCC, RBC	High	Medium
Youth Questionnaire	Parish Council to encourage formation of a Youth Council	Parish Council	Medium	Medium

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