

BARNACK AND PILSGATE PARISH ACTION PLAN
First revision, December 2015



Barnack and Pilsgate Parish Council

Background and purpose of the Action Plan

A Parish Plan for Barnack and Pilsgate was first drawn up in consultation with residents and published by the Parish Council in 2005. In 2013 an Action Plan was produced, with the aim of building on and implementing the principles set out in the Parish Plan. This was in response to the 2011 Localism Act, which encourages local communities to play a greater role in determining their own future. By creating an Action Plan, the Parish is able to justify funding bids by demonstrating public support for projects. The Plan promotes a sense of community by setting out a shared vision for the Parish and its future. It also offers a framework within which to assess development proposals.

The Action Plan was created through community involvement, led by the Parish Council. It was launched at a village meeting in the spring of 2013. A draft Plan was subsequently circulated and residents suggested amendments. These were incorporated into the final version, which was published in January 2014.

The Action Plan is reviewed every two years. In September 2015, the Parish Council began the first review of the action points and achievements. A draft revision of the Plan was posted on the Parish Council web site and advertised on noticeboards, on Facebook, in the Parish News and in the Village Tribune. Observations from residents were taken into account and the Parish Council then issued this, the first revision of the Barnack and Pilsgate Parish Action Plan.

Our Vision

Barnack and Pilsgate – a vibrant community with a rural lifestyle

The Framework for Action

Maintain the village character

Improve communication

Enhance community spirit

Conserve biodiversity

Improve health and safety

Enhance leisure facilities

Maintain village amenities

Enhance cultural, educational and spiritual life

Promote employment opportunities

Promote a sustainable life style

The following table lists ongoing and proposed actions and recent achievements, under the ten themes of this framework.

Action	Lead	Priority	Time-frame	Action in 2014 and 2015 and comments
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Maintain the village character

Maintain the rural and historic character of the Parish (e.g. maintain conservation area objectives; keep open green spaces; maintain historic buildings, old stone walls, landscape features)	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Installation of roof-mounted solar panels in the core of Barnack's conservation area to be subject to planning permission.
Prevent inappropriate development (e.g. by safeguarding Barnack's designation as a Limited Growth Village and Pilsgate's as a Small Village, and by maintaining the integrity of the village envelopes)	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	The Parish Council will continue to oppose inappropriate development. Peterborough's new Housing Strategy and Local Plan will be scrutinised.
Scrutinise and respond promptly to planning applications	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Parish Council has responded to all consultations. Some plans modified.
Joint action with neighbouring villages on planning issues, when appropriate	Ward Group	High	Ongoing	Parish Council active on the Barnack Ward Group of parish councils.
Maintain appropriate vegetation management on cemetery, churchyard, War Memorial green & verges	Parish & City Councils	High	Ongoing	New mowing contract in operation.
Produce a Neighbourhood Plan as a statutory basis for influencing the future of the village and to increase income.	Parish Council	High	Proposed 2 years	Neighbourhood Plan shelved, Alternative means of supporting the Parish, in the face of development threats and reduced income, to be investigated.

Enhance community spirit

Support Village Hall and Village Sports Pavilion. Optimise their use.	Community Assoc., Cricket Club, PC	High	Ongoing	Village Hall is well used. Parish Council contributed to the cost of repair of the car park wall.
Produce updated village information, leaflets and web site material	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Village noticeboards refurbished. Information Plaque in The Square may soon require maintenance.
Encourage community pride and involvement through volunteering and community projects (e.g. litter picks, wildlife conservation)	Parish Council, Local societies	Medium	Ongoing	Community Payback has been involved in Parish Council projects. Friends of Barnack Hills and Holes formed.
Maintain cooperation with neighbouring parishes	All Parish Councils	Medium	Ongoing	Barnack Parish Council contributes to the Barnack Ward Plan and to Rural Vision and Parish Charter.

Improve health and safety

Promote community policing, safety and security	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Police Panel meetings attended.
Install traffic calming equipment (e.g. extra signs, lights, speed cushions, village gateways)	Parish Council	High	Immediate 1 year	Traffic calming plan drawn up. Consultant employed to advise on requirements.
Promote other traffic safety measures (e.g. restrictions on lorries, Speedwatch)	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Speedwatch to be revived and new equipment bought if necessary. after traffic calming measures installed.
Monitor road conditions. Liaise with Highway Authority over road safety	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Pot-holes, dangerous junctions etc. reported regularly.

Promote the adequate provision of off-street car parking	Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	Planning applications checked for adequate parking space.
Install accessible first aid equipment	Parish Council	High	Immediate	Defibrillators to be installed in public places in Barnack and Pilsgate.
Provision of adequate litter and dog waste bins	Parish & City Councils	High	Ongoing	Bins installed in Hills and Holes, on Pilsgate Path and elsewhere.
Provision of an adequate supply of grit bins	City Council	High	Ongoing	Bins checked regularly.

Maintain village amenities

Support pub and shop	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	If the village post office and shop closes, explore possibility of a community shop.
Support provision within the village envelope of sufficient affordable housing and retirement accommodation to meet local needs	City & Parish Councils	High	Ongoing	Paynes Field development includes affordable housing.
Support school and pre-school	City & Parish Councils	Medium	Ongoing	New fencing for Pre-school provided by a grant from the Parish Council.
Support and enhance the bus service	City & Parish Councils	High	Ongoing	Delaine and Call Connect operating.
Maintain and enhance cemetery and create database of burial records	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Repairs begun; hedging and roses planted; database created by Clerk.

Promote employment opportunities

Promote village job opportunities	Local business	Low	Proposed Long term	Recruitment of Special Constables promoted by the Parish Council.
Manage suitable tourism initiatives	Parish Council	Low	Proposed Long term	Village leaflets will need to be reprinted.

Improve communication

Secure super-fast broadband	Parish Council	High	Achieved	Gigaclear has installed fibre infrastructure throughout the Parish.
Public access to Wi Fi	Parish Council. Community Assoc.	Low	Achieved	Access to the Internet at the Village Hall is expected by January 2016.
Press for improved mobile phone reception	Parish Council	Low	Proposed 1-2 years	No progress up to December 2015.
Enhance the village website and initiate other forms of electronic communication	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Web site to be upgraded. Facebook page created.
Update village information booklet	Parish Council	Medium	Achieved	2016 edition produced

Conserve biodiversity

Conduct wildlife surveys	Ward Group, Friends of Hills and Holes	Low	Ongoing	Man orchid counts, glow-worm walks and bat survey on Hills and Holes by Natural England and Friends of Barnack Hills and Holes.
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Liaise with Natural England over the Hills and Holes	Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	Liaison through the Friends of Barnack Hills and Holes
Enhance wildlife habitats (e.g. wildlife corridors, pond, protected verges, tree and hedge planting)	Parish Council, Ward Group	Medium	Ongoing	Project to enhance floral diversity on Mill Road verge monitored (unsuccessful). Hedging planted. Wild flower meadow in cemetery. Bat boxes installed.
Plant a community orchard	Parish Council	Low	Proposed 1-2 years	Site for a community orchard being sought. Peterborough Environment City Trust is assisting.

Enhance leisure activities

Extend footpath, bridleway and cycleway network	Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	Pilsgate to Burghley Path completed with a grant from Natural England, and well used.
Produce and update guides to local area	Parish Council	Low	Ongoing	Village leaflets available free in Post Office and Church.
Create a range of new sports facilities for all age groups.	Parish Council	Medium	Proposed 1 year	Suitable site for Multi-Use Games Area not yet found. Young children's play area planned.
Support existing village sports clubs	Sports clubs, Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	Grant from Parish Council to Cricket Club for kitchen equipment.

Enhance cultural, educational and spiritual life

Support local clubs, societies and churches	Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	No relevant requests for assistance received by the Parish Council during the period.
Expand the village archive, improve ease of public access to it	Parish Council	Low	Proposed 1-2 years	Parish Council papers archived at City Library. Liaison with Friends of Barnack Church to be maintained.
Create a village museum	Parish Council	Low	Proposed Long term	No progress up to December 2015.

Promote a sustainable life style

Promote bulk buying of power and fuel	City Council	Low	Ongoing	Partnership between Peterborough City Council and OVO Energy offers competitive dual fuel energy tariffs.
Promote appropriate green energy generation	Parish Council	Medium	Proposed 2-3 years	No progress up to December 2015.
Encourage full use of the allotments	Parish Council	Low	Proposed 2-3 years	No progress up to December 2015. Proposal for Community Orchard on allotments turned down by Burghley.
Promote the use of public transport	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Stamford-Peterborough Delaine bus service is highly valued. Parish Council responded to 4 th Local Transport Plan consultation.
Promote efficient waste management (e.g. skips, recycling, report fly-tipping)	Parish Council	Medium	Ongoing	Fly tipping frequent. Reported promptly by Parish Council.

Barnack and Pilsgate Parish Council, 2015

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