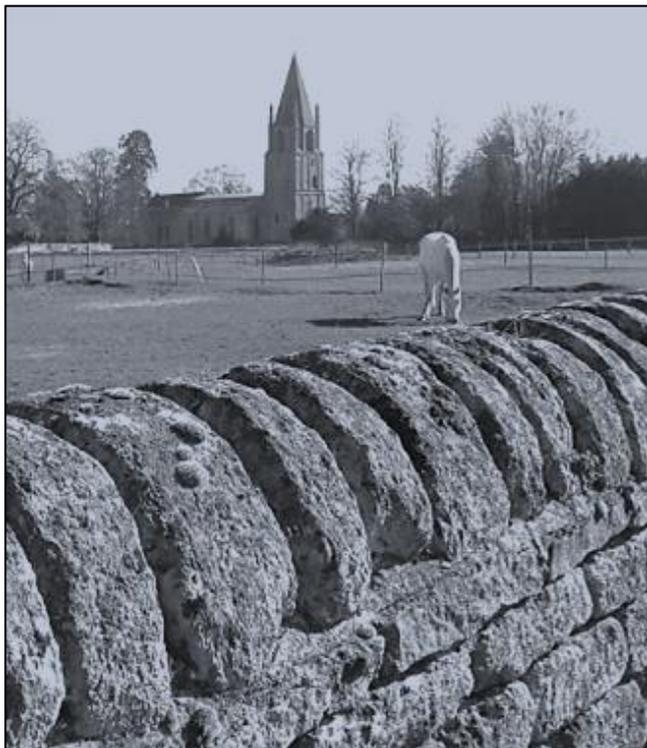


**BARNACK
PARISH ACTION PLAN**

**Third revision
2021/2022**



Barnack Parish Council

Background and purpose of the Action Plan

In 2014, a Parish Action Plan was produced. This was a community effort, led by the Parish Council. It set out a vision for the Parish and provided a framework within which development proposals and funding bids could be assessed. It was published on the Parish Council website (www.barnackparishcouncil.org) and as a booklet delivered to every household.

One of the long-standing objectives in the Parish Action Plan was to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which, unlike the Action Plan, would carry weight in planning decisions. This objective has been accomplished and in July 2021 Barnack Neighbourhood Plan was ‘adopted’ and now forms part of Peterborough City Council’s development plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is posted on www.barnackparishcouncil.org. A paper copy can be borrowed from members of the Parish Council.

Many of the objectives listed in previous versions of the Action Plan are relevant to planning policy and development, so they are addressed in detail in the Neighbourhood Plan and are referred to only briefly in this revision of the Action Plan. Other objectives are outside the scope of planning legislation, so they are not covered in the Neighbourhood Plan but remain part of the Parish Action Plan. Previously, the Action Plan was reviewed every two or three years, but in future it will be updated annually.

Our Vision

Barnack and Pilsgate – a vibrant community with a rural lifestyle

Ten themes: a framework for the Action Plan

Maintain the village character

Enhance community spirit

Improve health and safety

Maintain village amenities

Promote employment opportunities

Improve communication

Conserve biodiversity

Enhance leisure facilities

Enhance cultural, educational and spiritual life

Promote a sustainable lifestyle

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

Objectives	Progress / action planned for 2021/22
Maintain the village character	
Maintain the rural and historic character of the Parish; preserve open green spaces.	Refer to Neighbourhood Plan Policies A2: <i>Built Heritage and Design Criteria for Housing</i> and Policy A4: <i>Open Green Spaces in the Villages</i> .
Oppose any further large housing developments and building outside the village envelopes	Refer to Neighbourhood Plan Policy A1: <i>Scale and Location of Housing Development</i> .
By scrutinising and responding to applications for planning permission, prevent inappropriate development. Ensure that new houses, extensions and other alterations are in keeping.	Refer to Neighbourhood Plan Policy A2. A Local Heritage List of buildings and other features worthy of preservation is being created. The conservation of these will be taken into account in the planning process. As road name signs become faded, they will be replaced with 'heritage style' signs.
Landscape War Memorial Green; improve road junction there.	No progress on landscaping - dependent on road realignment.
Produce a Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan adopted in July 2021.
Enhance community spirit	
Support Village Hall and Village Sports Pavilion. Optimise their use.	The Community Association supervises the use of the Village Hall and Sports Pavilion. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C1: <i>Village Amenities</i> .
Produce village information	Website maintained. The damaged display panel in The Square was replaced in 2021.
Encourage volunteering and community projects	Litter-picks, wildlife conservation projects, Speedwatch sessions, youth sports training etc. are organised regularly.
Promote and organise social events and help to combat loneliness	Annual Christmas celebrations are held in The Square (except 2020). Hampers were distributed during the COVID lockdown.
Maintain cooperation with neighbouring parishes	Liaison, maintained through Ward Group meetings of parish councillors.

Improve health and safety	
Promote community policing, safety, security	Parish Council liaison with the police is ongoing.
Install traffic calming equipment and promote other traffic safety measures.	Traffic calming equipment (incl. vehicle-activated signs) to be installed in 2021. Speedwatch revived and regularly in action. Kerbs to be lowered for wheelchair access.
Improve dangerous junction (B1443 and C40) at War Memorial	City Council approached but no progress because lack of funding and the work not considered a priority. On hold.
Liaise with PCC Highway Authority over road safety	Parish Council regularly reports potholes and other problems.
Promote off-street car parking	See Neighbourhood Plan Policy A2.
Install publicly accessible first aid equipment	Defibrillators are installed at the back of the Village Hall and in old phone boxes in Barnack and Pilsgate.
Ensure adequate provision of litter and dog waste bins	Bins are installed in Hills and Holes, on footpaths and elsewhere.
Ensure an adequate supply of grit bins	Bins are checked regularly by Parish Council.
Maintain village amenities	
Support the Millstone; reinstate the village store and post office	Parish Council is encouraging the new owner of the Millstone pub to incorporate a shop. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C1.
Support provision of sufficient affordable housing and retirement accommodation	Supply of one- and two-bedroomed houses is encouraged in Neighbourhood Plan Policy A1. 30% of houses in Sissons Close are 'affordable'.
Support school, Pre-school and Home- from-Home	Pre-school received grants from the Parish Council in 2020 and 2021. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C1.
Support and enhance the bus service	Delaine bus service, Call Connect and Dial-a-Ride operating.
Maintain and enhance the cemetery; create a database of burial records	Work is continuing to make gravestones safe. Database of burial records updated. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C1.

Maintain appropriate vegetation management in public areas	A nature-friendly approach is adopted to management of the cemetery, churchyard, war memorial green and road verges.
Promote employment opportunities	
Promote village job opportunities	Support for maintaining the Business Park is in Neighbourhood Plan Policy D1: <i>Employment and Local Businesses</i> . Local businesses are included in the Directory.
Manage suitable tourism initiatives	Village leaflets have been reprinted and are available free in the church and the pub.
Improve communication	
Secure super-fast broadband for the whole parish	Fast broadband infrastructure installed but some gaps in coverage.
Public access to Wi Fi	Access to Wi Fi at the Village Hall actively under consideration in 2021.
Improved mobile phone reception	No progress.
Enhance the website and initiate other electronic communication	Parish Council website has been upgraded. The Facebook page is well used.
Update Parish Directory	2021/22 version of the Directory produced.
Conserve biodiversity	
Conduct wildlife surveys	Barnack Nature Recovery Plan (part of the John Clare Countryside Project) was produced in 2021. A questionnaire on garden wildlife was included.
Liaise with Natural England over Hills and Holes National Nature Reserve	Liaison with Natural England continues along with the Nature Recovery Plan. NE's plan for a possible extension to the Hills and Holes included in Neighbourhood Plan Policy B2: <i>Designated Wildlife Sites</i> .
Enhance wildlife habitats	Wildflower meadow has been maintained in the cemetery. More wildflower areas created in Barnack. Bat and swift boxes installed. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy B1: <i>Wildlife Habitats and Species</i> .
Plant a community orchard	Site for a community orchard being sought. Fruit trees to be planted on the allotments.

Enhance leisure facilities	
Extend footpath, bridleway and cycleway network	Pilsgate to Burghley Path (completed in 2013) is well used. Routes for new Rights of way being investigated. See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C3: <i>Public Rights of Way</i> .
Produce and update guides to the local area	Village walks leaflet updated and available in the church and the M Ilstone..
Create a range of new sports facilities for all age groups.	See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C2: <i>Sports Facilities</i> . The Parish Council is assisting the school with funding for a new Multi-Use Games Area, available for village use outside school hours. A young children's play area has been built in Sissons Close.
Support existing village sports clubs	Parish Council has given grants to the Bowls and Cricket Clubs.
Enhance cultural, educational and spiritual life	
Support local clubs, societies and the church	Requests for financial support are considered by the Parish Council.
Expand the village archive and improve ease of public access to it	Old Parish Council papers are archived at Peterborough City Library. Liaison with Friends of Barnack Church over its archive to be pursued.
Create a village museum	No progress.
Promote a sustainable lifestyle	
Promote appropriate green energy generation	See Neighbourhood Plan Policy A3: <i>Renewable Energy Generation</i> . This is promoted in acceptable locations, but roof-mounted solar panels are not considered appropriate in the historic core of Barnack.
Encourage full use of the allotments	See Neighbourhood Plan Policy C1: <i>Village Amenities</i> . Overgrown trees to be removed.
Promote the use of public transport	Stamford - Peterborough Delaine bus service is retained. Parish Council has installed three new bus shelters in Barnack and Pilsgate.
Promote efficient waste management	Parish Council organises regular free bulky waste collection events for the parish.

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