

## Brancepeth - Action Plan – Your Village, Your Voice – 2017/20 onwards

### Village Action Plan 2017/20 – Brancepeth (current standing update on: 31.08.18)

Theme	Specific Issue	Potential Action	Partners	Cost	Timescale	Outcome	Current standing
Transport, Traffic & Highways	Pedestrians having difficulty crossing the road is the main issue regarding speeding.	<p>Following DCC traffic surveys in Nov '16, formal request to Ron Hogg to increase police checks and to use their camera van.</p> <p>Residents to be trained up and use the community speed watch regularly</p> <p>Introduce some village gateway features which might include planting.</p> <p>Look at changing the visor signs to flash speed warnings</p> <p>Use of fixed speed cameras</p>	DCC H/ways, Police & residents	Vol time & Training costs	On-going	<p><b>Visor Repaired</b></p> <p><b>7 volunteers ready for use on speedwatch programme – police PCSO complete her training – July 17</b></p> <p><b>Regular sessions taking place</b></p>	<p><i>11 speedwatch sessions since beginning of 2016</i></p> <p><i>2017. Westbound speed visor faulty. DCC to have the manufacturer check it. If irreparable, PC would want it replaced with one which notes the speed or message – slow down. Visor has been repaired but not replaced.</i></p> <p><i>7 local volunteers trained to deliver their own n/hood speed watch</i></p> <p><i>Existing signs are OK and would cost another £10K+ to replace and PC would have to pay for electric</i></p> <p><i>Durham Constabulary do not have fixed speed cameras in County at this time and currently have no plans to change this. Focus is on encouraging and educating drivers to voluntarily slow down – changing attitudes.</i></p>

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	Signage at cross roads is a 'mish-mash' of different types – can we rationalise?	Need to look at this with highways – there would be cost associated to this but could put on one sign	BPC & DCC H/ways	?			<i>DCC H/ways have informed local county Cllr that can replace using possible future Section 106 funding. Contacted H/ways with request for cost sorting signage – 17 7 18</i>
	Pavement down to Stockley Grove needs improvement works	Discussion with DCC H/ways to check and advise.	AAP & DCC H/ways	?	Early 2018	<b>New Path laid with 30mph zone</b>	<i>DCC H/ways notified – paving works carried out within the 30mph zone – will they extend further? DCC H/ways contacted with query 17 7 18</i>
	Whitworth Lane - Since Castle Estates removed the old dilapidated walls and fences, deterioration of the road surface as vehicles have been encroaching where the wall used to be - tarmac edge to crumble and narrowing of the carriageway.	AAP will discuss with highways as to possible solution	AAP & DCC H/ways	?	August 2017	<b>Temporary fencing in place</b>	<i>DCC identified the previous fencing as dangerous and Castle Estates have since removed and replaced with wooden poles and pig wire. There is no intention of building a path; however there is more room now on the highway. Conservation have requested where possible the re erection of the railings to keep in line with the area - Aug '17.  Highways inspector has monitored the condition of the road and will carry our</i>

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							<p><i>edging / patch works in Aug/Sept 17.</i></p> <p><i>Resident to meet DCC officer Gary Surtees on site - Jan 2018 - unfortunately land is unadopted highway therefore cannot enforce conditions on the adjacent land owner or their representatives as it is private land</i></p>
	<p><i>Long-standing problem of pedestrian safety between house (DH7 8DY) and the junction with the A690</i></p>						<p><i>See above.</i></p>
	<p><i>Traffic coming out of Golf Club is not slowing down or giving way, but coming straight out onto road with several vehicle and pedestrian near misses.</i></p>	<p><i>Give way road markings</i></p> <p><i>Notice to Golf Club for members to consider</i></p>	<p><i>DCC</i> <i>H/ways</i></p> <p><i>Golf Club</i></p>	<p><i>?</i></p>	<p><i>Autumn 2017</i></p>	<p><b><i>Improved road safety - Clearly marked junction</i></b></p>	<p><i>Marking previously done, but worn away.</i></p> <p><i>DCC have commissioned contractor to replace lines – Sept 17 Michelle Shearer</i></p> <p><i>Completed Nov 2017</i></p>
<b>Your Local Environment</b>	<p><i>Recreation Field – ‘not well used’</i></p>	<p><i>Further discussions to take place between Castle Estates and Parish Council</i></p>	<p><i>B PC, Residents, Castle Estates</i></p>	<p><i>Current cost for lease is £2.5K per</i></p>		<p><b><i>Improved usage and grass cutting</i></b></p>	<p><i>2017 update. Better use being made of the field, PC are managing the grass cutting – including fine low cutting</i></p>

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		Set up field sub-committee.	BPC Residents	annum  17/18 £2.5K  18/19 £2.5K    Summer/ autumn 2018			of the central playing square.  Possible proposal for Duchy Homes to buy the land for development once the PC lease runs out in 2018. PC are trying to extend the lease, but having difficulty engaging with Castle Estates.  PC to look at setting up sub-committee July 18
	Need to re-paint Village benches	Parish to examine 2016  <i>Could be linked to the idea of developing a joint Parish Council handy person scheme</i>	B PC	£50 paint	Summer 2018	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Resident Action will be taken over the summer months</i>
	Flower planters for village	AAP to provide PC with cost for planters at Langley Moor	B PC Residents	£250	Autumn 2018	<i>In progress</i>	<i>AAP provide B PC with LM planter and maintenance contract cost</i>

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		<p>Brandon &amp; Byshottles can also provide costs for their planters</p> <p>Will need to look at maintenance – contractor or volunteers</p> <p>Will need to look at funding for planters and flowers</p>					<p><i>BPC to discuss with allotment and gardening group to see if they want to take forward</i></p> <p>No progress. Allotment Ass'n not interested.</p> <p>PC carried out village vote and planters won vote. PC and Village hall Committee to sort – July18</p>
	Provision of a Christmas Tree for the village	<p>B PC to look at other PC in area to see what they do as numerous options are open to them</p> <p>AAP suggest getting DCC n/hood services out to advise</p>	<p>B PC Other PC's</p> <p>DCC</p>	£200	Ongoing	<b>Trees in Village hall and Church to remain as Christmas focal points</b>	<p><i>Location is the issue for the Council will continue to examine (July 2015)</i></p> <p>2016 - Considered and rejected as being a potential distraction for motorists.</p> <p>2017 - Unable to identify site; therefore happy to continue with trees in village hall and church</p>
	Roadside ditches on Wolsingham road going out of the Village (around Quarry house) – overgrown and blocked	<p>Residents will contact DCC CRM system and register it as an issue</p> <p>AAP to examine responsibility angle</p>	<p>Residents</p> <p>AAP</p>	<p>?</p> <p>None</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>June 2017</p>	<b>Problem ditches have been scraped &amp; cleaned.</b>	<p><i>Emailed DCC officer Dean Bell on 5/9</i></p> <p><i>Brian Featherstone has checked area – ditch 4 to be scraped and cleaned, but other seem fine – email/map sent to check if</i></p>

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							<i>residents are aware of any other ditch issues 15/9 Resident liaising direct with Brian.</i>
	<p>General maintenance of the environment around the village – who is responsible for what?</p> <p>Issues highlighted Village Street areas of over grown weeds; leylandii needs cutting back or removing</p>	Parish Council produced a maintenance plan for the Parish a few years ago and once the new Parish Council is in place they can re-visit and publish	BPC	Vol time	July to October 2017	<b>Volunteers liaised with DCC and relevant partners and improved environment in village</b>	<p><i>Parish to produce plan and advertise via newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Various areas have been cut back with support from resident volunteers and permission of Castle Estates</i></p>
	<p>All of the above issues could be dealt with by a handy person for the village</p> <p>- Brandon and Byshottles PC used as example</p>	Parish election imminent, once new Cllrs in place could look at discussion with B&B Parish Council at possible share of handy person.	BPC & BBPC	?	July – Dec 2017	<b>Environmental Improvement Fund Created by AAP in p/ship with PC's</b>	<i>Joint Parishes Committee discussed, but could not see a link with B&amp;B PC as their handy person was too busy. Discussion led to the creation of the PC Environmental fund.</i>
	Litter on Railway lines and Littlewhite farms	Litter 'station' could be built perhaps in car park opp Railway Cottages to contain an extendable litter picker, bags and gloves so that walkers like myself could easily pick up rubbish saving the Council the expense	DCC Clean & Green Residents	Vol time	Autumn 2017		<p><i>Meeting took place with Pauline Walker.</i></p> <p><i>Probation have had the footpath on Wolsingham road from the railway line to the corner of Littlewhite farm entrance cleared and overhanging trees cut back.</i></p>

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							<i>Litter picking is taking place by volunteers on a on a regular basis</i>
	Other Environmental works around village	PC carried out Village Vote with £250 put towards first choice	BPC Residents		May 2018		<i>Village Vote took place in May with 67 residents involved. Planters topped vote, but several other issues identified.</i>
	1.Village Fete & play activities	Develop a committee	BPC & Residents				<i>Form a Field Sub-committee to look at activities</i>
	2.New Brancepeth Village DCC signs A690	Contact DCC to gain cost of replacing signs	BPC DCC H/ways				<i>Check with H/ways cost of replacing signs</i>
	3.Door Furniture to enhance entrance to village hall	Discuss with BVH Committee	BVH C AAP				<i>Discussions to take place with Village Hall Committee as part of larger Dev plan</i>
	4. Pavement & verges	Linked to AAP Environment Pot	B PC AAP				<i>Part of the PC / AAP Environment Fund</i>
<b>Community Venue / Community Activity</b>	Need to make the building more energy efficient	Examine LED lighting	BVHA	?	June and December 2017		<i>June 17 - Meeting with DCC officer to draw up spec – advice, contractors and funders info provided</i>
	Further develop stage area – lighting (linked to above)	Develop a specification with the support of DCC Arts	BVHA & DCC Arts	?	October 2017		<i>– will look at after the Brandon 1500 events – decided to leave stage lighting</i>
	Improve seating	Cost out options –	BVHA &	?	As above		

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	permission for comfort (currently have plastic chairs)	new seating, cushions or seat coverings  Quotes required for all of the above	DCC Arts				<i>Costing up seating and possible stage storage area as part of larger village hall bid – July 18</i>
	Outside of Village Hall could do with a clean-up and introduction of disabled bays	BVHA will need to come together to identify a rough plan of how they want to improve it. AAP could support them if they wanted to look at some capital works to the site and identify possible advisors or if just a general weed and plant cut back could do through volunteers, either residents or discussion with probation service.	BVHA, AAP, G/works NE, Haggrid, Houghall,  Residents or Probation service	?	Autumn / Winter 2018		<i>Need feedback from Village Hall regarding what they would like to do with outside village hall  AAP met with Village hall Committee who are pulling together costings to tarmac parking and road.  Will also look at shrubbery and hall entrance – July 18</i>
	St Brandon 1500 Festival – Sept 2017.  Support is needed to deliver a week long event which includes flower and music festivals, exhibition, book launch, lecture,	Potential for Archives and History group to access small grants, discussions with their local County Cllrs, the County Durham Community Foundation.	BAHG AAP Co Cllrs BPC Church BVHA Fundurs	Circa £6K  £2.4K NB / AAP	June to Sept 2017	<b><i>Celebration event took place, increased awareness and showcased the good work of groups in Brancepeth</i></b>	<i>AAP Small Grant awarded – July 17  Co Cllrs NB small grant - awarded Aug 17  AAP promoted event via facebook and e-bulletin</i>



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	wall hanging & special service. Funding, advice and marketing	AAP will support filling in funding bids and promoting the event.					<i>Event took place and had a fantastic response – excellent example of village collaboration</i>
	Provision of a Village Defibrillator	Parish Council to discuss	BPC	£1,672	September 2018	<b>Village Defibrillator in place</b>	<i>BPC to discuss at July PC meeting</i>
<b>Children, Young People &amp; Families</b>	Development of play provision	Discussion to take place at PC – see what limitations are on field	B PC Sub Grp Residents		2018/19		<i>Allotted to a the development of a field sub committee  Linked to village vote action.</i>
<b>Community Engagement</b>	Can we see if we can have more residents input into this plan?	Produce a summary of the issues/ideas thus far and put into Parish newsletter for further comment.  AAP have asked for a copy of the village plan the Parish produced in 2012.	AAP & BPC	Nil	July 2017	<b>Opportunity for input widened</b>	<i>AAP provided write up for July 2017 Newsletter – to date 3 residents have provided further concerns/ideas – 1 Sep 17</i>

**SUMMARY: 12 residents inputted via coffee morning, a further 10 during a Parish Council Special meeting, 4 in response to village newsletter article & 67 took part Village Vote in May 2018, 7 at Parish Council meeting in July 2018 – 100 responses in total.**

**3 issues carried over from 2013/16 Village Plan and a further 26 issues/ideas highlighted at the above sessions.**

**Green – completed - 10**

**Amber – currently being looked at - 14**

**Red – cannot complete – 2**

**Quantifiable spend on completed issues: £10,372 (£2,400 AAP/NB)**