

KILBURN COMMUNITY LED PLAN

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FOREWORD

This document is the result of the hard work and enthusiasm of residents of the village. It is the product of a democratic process in which all residents had the opportunity to have their say.

The Plan outlines the hopes and aspirations of residents over the next few years and marks the beginning of the next stage of the process, to continue to improve the quality of life for the local community.

INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Kilburn is situated north of Derby, within the borough of Amber Valley. It once had thriving Brickwork and Mining industries, but now has light industries, farming and retail employment within the village. The community not only respects its past, but is very mindful of the future.

Kilburn has a population of over 4,500, together with 1,750 homes, two Schools, several shops and four Licensed Premises. It is the 8th largest parish within Amber Valley in terms of its population.

Residents are happy to live in Kilburn, with 85% expressing a level of satisfaction. Only 4% stated they were dissatisfied, with damage to vehicles, parking problems and a lack of things to do being highlighted.

Future housing requirements were predominantly for private homes, but 48% of those surveyed expressed the view that no further housing development was required in the village. With this view in mind, we need to have an input to any new proposed development to ensure we create value for existing residents (e.g. more and improved facilities)

Facilities and Amenities

A Village Hall
Five Children's Play Areas
All Weather Pitch
Two Schools
Two Places of Worship
Four Licensed premises
Two Shops, two Fast Food outlets and a Hairdressers.
A Post Office.
Nature Reserve
Scout Hut
Memorial Monument
Three telephone kiosks
A Mobile Library Service
Weekly Youth Service
A regular bus service
Several clubs and societies including a Parent and Toddler group, Keep Fit, Dance class, Whist Club, Self Defense, Wine Circle, Local History Society, Religious and Social Café Groups.
Street furniture, that includes bus shelters, notice boards and seats.
A Parish Warden.

Summary of Key Points

- *There were requests for more flowers and street-furniture such as seats.*
- *On street parking is a major concern.*
- *Lack of safe road crossing points and pavement maintenance is a problem for the disabled, elderly and families with young children.*
- *Facilities for cyclists are poor.*
- *Kilburn residents want to see additional facilities and amenities to foster a sense of community.*
- *Speeding traffic is a problem.*

- *Residents want to know more about what is happening in and around Kilburn and want to have their say.*
- *Residents want to improve the look of the village.*
- *There is a need for Youth facilities.*
- *Litter and Dog mess are a problem.*
- *Village Hall needs re-furbishing, with better equipment and facilities.*
- *Visible Police patrols are a high priority.*

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The Process

Kilburn Parish Council introduced and discussed the concept of a Community Led Plan, holding a meeting June 2010, to gauge the level of interest. Through funding from the Parish Council, Amber Valley Borough Council and support from Rural Action Derbyshire, a Steering Group was formed. The Steering Group met regularly to progress the plan, consulting with residents, businesses and key stakeholders via public meetings, view forms, Parish Council website and household questionnaires. Kilburn Infant and Junior Schools also played a role in highlighting what was important to them, with the view of Youth being sought through Derbyshire Youth Services.

A Household Questionnaire was delivered to every home, with 300 questionnaires being completed and returned, which represented the view of 655 residents (14.5% of the population). All age groups were represented, plus both male and females having an equal say! Views were expressed by households who had only lived in Kilburn for 3 weeks to those who had lived here for their entire life.

The results of this consultation was displayed at a Public Meeting held in March 2011, inviting comments from the community before the main document was launched in June 2011. A copy of the Household Survey Analysis can be obtained by contacting Kilburn Parish Council on 01332 671513. Alternatively you can view or download a copy from the web-site www.kilburnparishcouncil.org.uk

Why do we need a Plan?

Producing a Parish Plan can bring about a wide range of benefits for our Community, which include:

- Engender community spirit**
- Unleash hidden talents**
- Re-energise the Parish Council**
- Provide valuable information**
- Identify sources of funding**
- Form new partnerships**

What can we hope to achieve?

We can achieve tangible outcomes such as:

- Creating or upgrading new play areas and activities**
- Setting up a parish website**
- Producing a newsletter**
- Upgrading of a nature reserve**
- Improving recycling facilities**
- Receiving grant funding**
- Setting up youth facilities**
- Upgrading of Village Hall to meet the needs of the community.**



ENVIRONMENT

What we propose

- To maintain a Parish Warden
- Improve the overall appearance of the Village.
- Work with the Parish Council to plant flower beds/planters etc and provide more seating around the Village.
- Promote a Village Clean Up.
- Call for an increase of Dog-dirt bins and litter bins, plus better signage around the Village.
- Call upon the appropriate authority to prosecute those persons responsible for causing litter/dog mess.
- Promote a Pavement Survey to establish their condition and notify Derbyshire County Council of those in most need of urgent repair or re-surfacing.
- Raise awareness of environmental issues affecting the village.



The appearance of the village is important to residents. There is both a sense of pride and anger at those who spoil its look. Road and pavement repairs feature as major issues. However, dog mess and litter are also top priorities for the community, with a strong demand for those responsible to be prosecuted.

QUOTE: "if we left soiled nappies on the pavement, dog owners would soon be complaining".

It costs Kilburn Parish Council £15,000 to employ a Parish Warden to keep the streets tidy from litter. He received many complimentary comments for his work, but many residents do seem to make his task harder. The village already has 15 litter bins spread throughout the village, but this survey has revealed that additional bins are required in strategic areas such as bus stops, shops and outside the schools.

The same must also be said for dog bins. Additional bins, free pooper scoop/bags etc must be considered, as well as a change to the duties of the Parish Warden to enable him to assist with the disposal of dog waste. Without this, we put our children's health at risk!

Overgrown hedges remain a problem, being both unsightly and a problem to those who walk around the village. Especially to parents with young children and infants in push chairs.

Noise from the A38 dual carriageway is a problem for those living nearby.

The village is keen to address and support 'Green Ideals', requesting collections to include plastic, plus free collection of green waste. Disposal of large objects was also a feature for those who are elderly or have mobility issues. Wheelie bins are preferred to recycling boxes and bags, which can be heavy and cause additional litter problems during inclement weather. Introducing wheelie bins would put the village on parity with other councils in the County, who appear to operate this system with much success.

What you can do as individuals.

- Ensure we are not responsible for allowing dog fouling and if necessary clean up afterwards.
- Pick up litter in the streets and put it in the nearest litter bin
- Report any problems with footpaths or walkways to Derbyshire County Council.
- Keep our own hedges and gardens tidy.
- Follow 'Green ideals' of re-cycling and looking at ways to conserve energy.
- Promote Kilburn as a Keep-tidy village.

What we can do as a Parish.

- Lobby our Councils to address all aspects of Litter and Dog Waste, Signage and enforcement.
- Report overgrown hedges and pathways to AVBC Environmental Services.
- Encourage shops to use eco-friendly bags and packaging.
- Lobby Amber Valley Borough Council to provide several plastic disposal points, together with 'quick access' re-cycling facilities throughout the village.
- Publicise environmental issues & initiatives that impact upon or affect the Village.
- Encourage people to take an active role in the planning process by monitoring local development and responding to planning applications.
- Lobby developers, Housing Associations and Amber Valley Borough Council in respect of future developments.

What we can do with help.

- Research and design a 'village entrance sign' that reflects the character and history of the village.
- Access grants to address environmental improvements.
- Obtain information on what environmental issues will impact upon Kilburn.
- Reduce noise from the A38.

What we propose

- Promote a welcoming Village.
- Help to establish a Community Newsletter
- Help to establish a Village Website.
- Ask for contributors to the Newsletter and Website.
- Promote better communication of local information, events and activities.
- Encourage the formation of new clubs, groups etc and support those already in existence.
- Explore the possibility of holding more community events.



COMMUNITY

There remains no doubt that communication is a problem within our community, with many residents asking for things that we already have. There is great support for the re-introduction of a newsletter, a website and repeated requests for information about what is happening in the village.

Welcome letters/packs are a method of welcoming newcomers into our village and letting them know what is happening and available.

Residents also asked for more information from its Councils about what they were doing and wanted an opportunity to take part in village decision making. Hopefully our Survey and Plan will have played a small role in allowing them to achieve that.

Developing a sense of community spirit is important to many people. Holding community events and activities, encouraging all age groups and families to come together and work together will certainly go a long way to achieve this. But it is up to us as a community to ensure this happens, as no one else will do it for us and why should they?

The message is “don’t just sit there and moan about it, or leave it to someone else”. If you want a Christmas party for the children/elderly, a Luncheon Club or a Scarecrow competition, volunteer to run one or help to run it. You will find other people are also willing to help or be involved and with a little bit of effort, you can make it happen.

Kilburn Village Hall has many groups using its facilities, but it is underused and has the capacity for new groups and classes. Residents clearly wish to retain this facility, with 475 answering this question. Of those who voted, 85% were in favour of having a Village Hall for use by residents.

A wide variety of activity classes/groups were suggested which residents would like to join. Many classes/groups asked for are already in existence, but hopefully like-minded people will come together and form new clubs.

What you can do as individuals.

- Volunteer to deliver a newsletter and contribute to its content.
- Turn out and support events in our Parish.
- Volunteer to help establish and run a local group (e.g. Walking Group, Luncheon Club or a Youth Club)
- Volunteer to help on a task group or run/assist with a community event.
- Attend the Parish Council meetings and express your views.
- Become a Parish Councillor.

What we can do as a Parish.

- Encourage like minded people to form clubs which are in demand.
- Provide better communication between Council and Parishioners
- Lobby our Parish Council for funding and support.
- Lobby and use our District and Borough councillors through our Parish Council.
- Work together towards common ends
- Be patient and persevere.

What we can do with help.

- Get a better quality of life.
- Use timely and relevant information to keep everyone informed.
- Contribute toward the ‘Big Society’.

What we propose

- **Promote the use of Kilburn Village Hall by ALL sections of the community.**
- **Improve the fabric of the building, facilities and equipment within Kilburn Village Hall**
- **Upgrade every recreational play area.**
- **Support a 'Greenway' Project to provide a walking/cycle track.**
- **Look at ways to provide facilities for use by youth and young people.**
- **Ensure there are no cuts to services e.g. mobile library.**



FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

The level of satisfaction in respect of facilities/activities for children/young people was very varied, the majority expressing a “Don’t Know” point of view.

Residents wanted all of our play areas to be modernised, but Church Street was the overwhelming priority. We are therefore delighted that the play areas on Church Street and The Chase have been fully upgraded. The All Weather Court next to the Social Club is vastly under utilized, with access and lack of lighting being an issue. Personal Safety is just as important to Youth as it is to everyone else.

The Nature Reserve is an asset of the village, but 62% of residents have never visited or knew of its existence. Better signage will help to address this issue. It is considered that the Reserve would benefit from being upgraded, to include better seating, picnic tables, planters, flowers and a more appropriate ‘remembrance board’. Other suggestions included developing the site and also incorporate it with the old railway line as a Greenway. Also to engage with the Wildlife Trust, notices highlighting wildlife and even moving the site to a quieter location.

Other than a Schools Out Club and a weekly visit by the Youth Services Team in a small van, there is very little in the village for teenagers to do. There is clearly a demand for a place for youngsters to meet informally, a youth club and activities etc. This is supported by all age ranges, but the difficulty is that no one wants it to happen near them. Also the fact that no one is prepared to allow their premises to be used by young people.

As previously highlighted, the Village Hall is underused and could offer so much more to the community. It could and should cater for all ages, with classes, activities and equipment suitable for everyone. It should be a focal point for the community, being accessed by all for educational, spiritual, recreational and social purposes.

The Village Hall is in need of re-furbishment and new equipment to address the needs of the community. The survey has shown that residents do support money being spent in this area. To achieve this would clearly involve major fundraising and would require enthusiastic and sustained support from the village and Parish Council.

What we can do as individuals.

- Use Parish facilities for our own activities and events.
- Visit and use our community facilities.
- Lobby our Councils on things that matter to us.
- Volunteer and contribute towards providing activities for youth and young people.

What we can do as a Parish.

- Invite local education providers to assist in organising new courses to satisfy the needs of villagers e.g. computers for beginners.
- Lobby our Parish Council for funding and support.
- Provide premises or a place for youngsters to meet up and socialise.

What we can do with help.

- Access grant funding to help with improving facilities and equipment throughout the village.
- Access advice and guidance as to the requirement of providing appropriate and relevant youth facilities.
- Provide additional facilities e.g. skateboard park.

What we propose

- **Maintain a Police presence in Kilburn.**
- **Lobby our Member of Parliament and Police Authority should that Police presence be reduced or removed.**
- **Review current street-lighting to establish its effectiveness and identify black spots.**
- **Improve the effectiveness and quality of street-lighting.**
- **Ensure hedgerows, shrubs and trees do not impact upon personal safety.**



SECURITY AND SAFETY

A majority of residents highlighted that they had suffered problems with crime and disorder, but indicated they were due to specific incidents rather than being an ongoing problem throughout the entire village. The main Policing Priorities being High Visibility Patrols, Speeding, Anti-social Behavior and Illegal Parking.

The shrubbery shielding the pathway at the top of Bywell Lane is considered a personal safety issue, with the Nature Reserve being considered isolated for mothers with young children.

Concerns were expressed at the lack of lighting in jitties that run throughout the village. Replacing existing streetlights with a brighter and more energy efficient type, will also contribute towards a safer environment.

What we can do as individuals.

- Support Police Initiatives and report matters of concern to the Police.
- Take an active role and become a Key Individual Network member.

What we can do as a Parish.

- Become more involved in policing issues
- Make clear to the Police our policing priorities.
- Investigate increase in PCSO powers so they can deal with parking and litter problems.
- Work in partnership with the Councils and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

What we can do with help.

- Keep residents updated.
- Keep residents safe.
- Improve our quality of life.

KILBURN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Ring 0345 123 33 33



Sergeant 2384 Richard Booth



*Police Constable 861
Mick Shaw*



*Police Community Support Officer
John Midgley*

What we propose

- Request pedestrian crossing facilities in the interests of road safety.
- Request more and better pavements and road crossing points.
- Promote a Public Footpath survey and better information regarding routes and the provision of rights of way.
- Explore traffic calming measures and limit 'rat-run possibilities through the village.
- Explore ways of improving traffic flow.
- Lobby for additional 'off road' car park spaces.
- Look at ways of improving Public Transport.
- Investigate establishing a TAG (Transport Action Group) to look at reliability and routes.
- Request Police action on illegally parked cars.



TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Residents are active and regularly walk around the village. The main problems encountered are cars parked on pavements or illegally parked at junctions. Overhanging bushes and the poor condition of pavements contribute to their difficulties.

There are no pedestrian crossing facilities in Kilburn, despite having a Junior and Infant School on one of the busiest road in the village. Other places suggested are on Chapel Street near the Shops and on Rykniel Road to access the Doctors Surgery.

As anticipated, parking on Chapel Street and Highfield Road are the major cause of traffic problems within the village road network.

There is a clear need to provide additional off-street parking as a priority, as Highfield Road and Chapel Street are becoming a hazard to road safety. It is considered that providing access to the rear of Chapel Street and enlarging Church Street Car Park could go some way towards reducing/resolving this problem. Turning part of Edward Crescent into additional parking spaces does have merit, but it is recognised that this action should only be completed as part of an overall strategy to increase parking space throughout the village. It is noted that residents on Edward Crescent oppose such a move.

Residents only car parking was highlighted, but we do not fit the required criteria to implement such a scheme.

There is support for grass verges to be converted into parking spaces to allow free movement around the village.

It is fully recognized that parked vehicles do actually reduce vehicle speed as they are an obstruction. However, as the number of car owners increases each year, Kilburn will soon grind to a halt at certain times of the day.

A one-way system and additional 'No Parking' areas are an option to alleviate our current traffic problems. However, any changes that we make must benefit traffic flow and not just displace the problem to another location. The economical impact upon the Post Office and Shops must also be considered. These are well used and assets of the village, so nothing should be done that will threaten their ability to provide a valuable service to the community.

As expected, residents are reluctant to reduce their reliance upon motor vehicles as part of their everyday routine. Surprisingly, only 11 people said that Road pricing/congestion charging would make them use their car less. In respect of public transport, a more frequent service, cheaper fares and different routes are an incentive for us all to reduce our carbon footprint. Of those who do use public transport, again issues such as frequency, cost, and current routes do have an impact upon the quality of service we are currently receiving. An improved service to Belper and more Bus Shelters are requested.

What we can do as individuals.

- Report road and pavement defects.
- Don't park on pavements or on road junctions.
- Park on your drive if you have one.
- Be active on local issues – don't leave it to someone else.
- Collect facts and evidence and pass them on to the relevant Councils.
- Use your County and Borough Councillors.

What we can do as a Parish.

- Produce clear and workable solutions for presentation to decision makers.
- Make a safer environment for pedestrians and schoolchildren.
- Work with the Councils and Police to resolve traffic flow and parking issues.

What we can do with help.

- Implement traffic calming and speed reductions.
- Better pavements and cycle tracks.
- Enforce existing parking restrictions.
- Expand off-street car parking facilities.