



Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill Parish Plan

Parish Plan 2012-2017

Draft Plan for Consultation

Coxhoe Summary



As you will be aware Coxhoe Parish Council has been working with the communities in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill to develop our second Parish Plan. So far we have:

- Undertaken community engagement events in February and March 2011;
- Carried out a household survey in July 2011
- Published results and undertaken exhibitions in November and December 2011; and
- Worked with volunteers to develop action plans.

The Parish Council has now approved a **Draft Plan for Consultation** and commences a six week consultation period on the 30th June 2011. This document provides a brief summary of the proposals and policies for Coxhoe. A full copy of the Draft Plan, which sets out the reasons for the proposals, is available on the Coxhoe Parish Council Community website on www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council is again providing an opportunity for you to get involved and comment on the Plan before the Parish Council gives consideration to its adoption in September this year. Inside this summary document is a response sheet for you to use to let us have your views. Additional copies can be downloaded from the website or can be sought from the Parish Clerk. Comments can also be made by e-mail or in writing to the Parish Clerk. Contact details are on the last page of this document. To help the process we have manned exhibitions in both villages and the Coxhoe Exhibition is as follows:

Saturday 7th July 2012 10.00am to 1.00pm Coxhoe Village Hall

An unmanned exhibition will then be on display at the Active Life Centre for the following two weeks.

Coxhoe Parish Council considers that the proposals in the Draft plan are practical and achievable in the current economic and social climate. Please read on to find out more about the draft proposals.

Sport, Leisure and Culture



Draft Proposals and policies

- Work to secure the sustained future of the Leisure Centre;
- Explore opportunities for youth engagement with the Area Action Partnership;
- Work with the Active Life centre to establish adequate changing facility provision;
- Adopt policies of supporting leisure centre; and providing changing facilities
- Adopt policy of considering providing new allotments if new resources become available

Community Facilities



Draft Proposals and policies

- Work with Village Hall Management Committee to secure a sustainable future;
- Work in partnership to secure an asset transfer in partnership;
- Work with Village Hall and the Active Life Centre to secure cyber cafe facilities in the village;
- Undertake feasibility study into the possibility of an annual carnival
- Work with the Village Hall and Active Life Centre to explore potential for an annual fireworks display; and
- Adopt policy of retaining key community facilities and work to achieve a sustainable future for them.

Young People



Draft Proposals and policies

- Engage young people in a feasibility study to establish a youth council; and
- Adopt a policy of taking into account the views of young people when making decisions

Highways and Traffic



Draft Proposals and policies

- Share household survey results with Highway Authority and Police with a view to improvements;
- Continue to lobby for school crossing points in the village;
- Continue negotiations to join and improve the Village Hall and Co-op Car Parks;
- Negotiate with the County Council to consider parking restrictions in the front street;
- Explore potential for 'long stay car parking
- Conduct public awareness scheme to reduce use of the private car within the village; and
- Adopt policy of lobbying for highway improvements and objecting to planning applications which would have an adverse impact on highway safety.

Shopping



Draft Proposals and policies

- Share Household survey shopping results with potential investors
- Explore the feasibility of a shoppers loyalty scheme
- Adopt policies of promoting the village centre on the website and objecting to planning proposals which would have an adverse impact on the village shopping centre

Public Services



Draft Proposals and policies

- The Parish Council will consider the feasibility of either a criteria based or volunteer based grid bin service; and
- Adopt a policy of not providing additional bins until a more sustainable option can be developed

Community Safety



Draft Proposals and policies

- Share the results of the household survey with the Police in order that they can respond accordingly;
- Resume negotiations to explore the possibility of CCTV in the front street;
- Identify and resolved local street lighting issues where appropriate; and
- Adopt policies of working with the police to improve safety while objecting to planning proposals which may be prejudicial to community safety

Health and Social Care



Draft Proposals and policies

- Work with medical practice and the County Council to resolve access issues to the existing surgery;
- Continue to lobby for a new surgery to serve the village;
- Promotion of healthy living on the Community Website; and
- Adopt policies to object to planning proposals which may adversely affect the health and safety of people while continuing to lobby for a new doctor's surgery

Housing



Draft Proposals and policies

- Sharing the housing results with the County Council's Planning Team while working with them to develop supplementary planning guidance; and
- Adopting policies that supports the principle new housing development of an appropriate scale of the village as a secondary settlement, continues to challenge the scale of development proposed, and objects to housing related planning proposals where appropriate and acceptable infrastructure is not provided.

Employment



Draft Proposals and policies

- Work with partners to support relocation of any industrial use better located elsewhere;
- Explore ways of improving access to training opportunities while promoting training on the website; and
- Adopt policies which support new industrial development in appropriate locations, including Durham Green while supporting relocation of industrial uses where appropriate.

Communications

Draft Proposals and policies



- Appoint media contact and explore opportunities to engage with local media;
- Prepare, consult and deliver new noticeboards scheme;
- Continue to promote and encourage the use of the community website;
- Explore opportunities for securing contributions from the community to improve the Coxhoe Chronicle; and adopt a policy of continuing to explore ways of improving communication with the community

Environment

Draft Proposals and policies



- Forward result of the Household Survey to Durham County Council and the Police with a view to a street walkabout to seek a response;
- Develop and implement 'Keep Coxhoe Clean' public awareness campaign;
- Develop and implement front street soft landscaping and signage improvement scheme;
- Develop and implement schemes for the improvement of the village greens;
- Develop a prioritised untidy buildings and land register and pursue improvements with landowners through the County Council;
- Approach shopkeepers with a view to making a business case with the County Council for grant aided shop front improvements;
- Develop Supplementary Planning Guidance with Durham County Council to help improve development design and layout;
- Explore the feasibility of a Garden of Remembrance in the village;
- Provide feedback from the household survey to the County Council and the tip operator;
- Ensure good quality planting and maintenance of the floral displays; and
- Adopt policies that encourage the improvement of untidy land and buildings, support the development of supplementary planning guidance and encourage development which has a positive impact on the environment, help save environmental resources and reduce the dependence on the private car

We want to hear your views!

If you want to find out more please download the full document from the website or visit the exhibition.

Completed forms can be posted in the appropriate postbox in the Post Office during normal Post Office Hours.

Alternatively comments can be sent to David Vasey, the Parish Clerk either at clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk or at David Vasey, Coxhoe Parish Clerk, Earby Cottage, Newsham, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 7QY. David can be contacted by phone on 07988 283287. The Parish Council will take all views into account before deciding whether or not to 'adopt' the plan.

The closing date for receipt of representations is 10th August 2012