

CALDBECK PARISH PLAN UPDATE 2017

Caldbeck Parish Council produced a ten year plan for 2005 to 2015 following extensive consultation. Progress against the Plan has been reported by the Chairman at the Annual Parish Meetings.

Much of the thinking behind the Plan remains relevant today. This short document provides an update capturing progress and highlights actions for the next two years.

It is helpful when considering future budgets to have a clear statement of actions so that funds can be allocated to them.

MAJOR ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN 2005-15 PLAN	PROGRESS	FUTURE ACTION	TIMETABLE
<p>1. Work with relevant agencies to provide a safe footpath & cycleway between Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket and use the opportunity to put the adjacent telephone cables underground. This is the number one action identified by very many people. It is also probably the largest and most expensive - which just means we will have to try harder to make it happen.</p>	<p>Detailed plans have been drawn up of the proposed route of the footpath. Significant funds are available following a generous donation. Whilst agreements have been made with 8 of the 10 affected landowners, no agreements are in place with 2 landowners. The Parish Council is considering what steps can be taken to deliver the footpath in discussions with the County Council and the National Park.</p>	<p>Review of possible next steps, including lobbying the County Council to pursue a Footpath Creation Order. The Parish Council's preference is to proceed by way of consensus but with no agreement in the offing, enforcement action may be required.</p>	<p>Consider next step by 30/11. Extend Agreements by 31/12. Continue lobbying activities to exert pressure on the County Council to provide the necessary support.</p>
<p>2. Progress the provision of affordable housing, as identified within the Housing Needs Survey.</p>	<p>Three Housing Association dwellings for rent at Brewery Barn Cottages.</p>	<p>Examine Allerdale Community Led Housing Initiative. Attend Allerdale Community Led Housing workshop and prepare proposals for Parish Council consideration</p>	<p>Allerdale Community Led Housing workshop 19/10 Report for 4/12 Parish Council. Further consideration of Caldbeck options.</p>

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3. Promote the preservation of important facilities and amenities identified within the Plan.	Following potential closure of Caldbeck shop late 2015, the Parish Council instigated a public meeting to save it. Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket Village shops successfully operating. Doctors' Surgery highly regarded. The Parish Council considered future options to save bus route without success. Some routes withdrawn following ending of County Council subsidies. Tysons now provide services on Tuesday & Wednesday to Wigton and Carlisle respectively.	Further consideration of public transport facilities and tailored services to meet needs.	
4. Investigate provision of public WCs, including disabled, in Hesket Newmarket and Caldbeck.	Disabled toilet access at Caldbeck Methodist Chapel. No facilities for Hesket Newmarket.	Consider use of Caldbeck Church during opening hours.	
5. Promote a local chiropody service, preferably through the Surgery.	Available via Northern Fells Group. Also separate provider advertises in Parish Magazine. Caldbeck Surgery provide chiropody services, including as part of diabetes annual reviews.		
6. Press for winter gritting of main through routes.	Winter gritting route extended from Caldbeck along unclassified road to Howbeck, Hesket Newmarket. Snow clearing budget for other routes established.	Maintain provision for snow clearing of minor roads not on County Council gritting routes.	
7. Pursue local provision of adult education.	Various services provided via Northern Fells Group.		

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8. Discuss with the Police Authority, contact with and support of the community.	PCSO reports to all Parish Council meetings and attends when duties permit. Some concerns that local detail of crime is not reported in a timely manner. Raised at Allerdale 3 Tier meeting.	Reporting arrangements under review with a need for more timely detail of local incidents. Attend Cockermouth meeting 27/10. Attend CALC Annual Meeting Carlisle 15/11 with presentation by Police Commissioner. Explore Cumbria Police Community messages Service.	Cockermouth meeting 27/10. CALC Annual Meeting Carlisle 15/11. Report 4/12 Parish Council. Register for Community Messages 30/11
9. Support the Northern Fells Group.	Parish Council represented on Northern Fells Group. Annual donation to Northern Fells Group (minibus) included in Parish Council budget.		
10. Contact mobile phone providers about the potential for a local mast.	Actions taken to support digital inclusion. Vodafone femtocells provided at 4 locations in Caldbeck. New phone masts now at Newlands Hesket Newmarket and Berrier. Support of Northern Fells Broadband. Support for additional mobile masts. Support of new technologies such as home based 4G.	Support of new initiatives and technologies where appropriate. Continued support for Northern Fells Broadband. Continued promotion of the importance of digital inclusion for Caldbeck Parish Council residents.	
11. Establish a Parish web-site.	Parish website established.	Extend use of Parish Website	Update web by 30/11 with Parish Council papers available

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<p>12. Parish Council always to bear in mind the preservation of the rural character of the Parish, and its conservation areas, when considering planning applications. Influence the planning authority to take this into account also.</p>	<p>The Parish Council has sought to respond in accordance with these principles when considering planning applications and provide timely, appropriate comments to the planning authorities. Local residential criteria extended to include Northern Fells Group and neighbouring parishes. Restoration work completed on Caldbeck historic signpost.</p>	<p>The Parish Council will continue to follow this approach in responding to future planning applications. Further restoration work to be undertaken of historic signposts.</p>	
<p>13. Encourage the formation of a Red Squirrel Conservation Group</p>	<p>Group formed, Julie Bailey main contact. The Parish Council has supported with a small donation.</p>	<p>.</p>	
<p>14. Pursue the needs of young people identified in the Youth Survey, for transport, recreational facilities and other amenities.</p>	<p>Promoted use of Northern Fells Group minibus. Youth club at Cricket Club (later folded). Northern Fells Group organise a variety of activities during school holidays.</p>		