

## CALDBECK PARISH PLAN UPDATE JANUARY 2019

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 future actions. It is refreshed annually as part of the Parish Council's planning and budgeting arrangements.

MAJOR ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN 2005-15 PLAN	PROGRESS	FUTURE ACTION	TIMETABLE
<p>1. Work with relevant agencies to provide a safe footpath &amp; 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. Following intervention from Rory Stewart MP, the County Council has offered to act as an informal mediator which the Parish Council welcomes. The Parish Council has asked the Information Commissioner for a ruling on whether the County Council should release the February 2018 report of its independent reviewer.</p>	<p>Consider the outcome of the County Council's informal mediation. Consider the Information Commissioner's decision on whether the County Council should release the requested report. The Parish Council's preference is to proceed by way of consensus but if no agreement can be reached, enforcement action may be required.</p>	<p>Contingent on County Council and Information Commissioner but progress expected by 31 March 2019. Extend Agreements in light of progress. 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. Continuing discussions with Allerdale Borough Council and the National Park. A project is being formulated focusing on self build family homes with attached workshops across a number of sites.</p>	<p>Meetings with Allerdale Borough Council and the National Park and with interested parties to set up a Community Group and agree a project.</p>	<p>Progress expected by 31 March 2019.</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 called 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. <b>An 'all ability' toilet facility is available in St Kentigern's church, Caldbeck, when the church is open - daily, around 9am to 5pm, but may vary in the Winter.</b> No facilities for Hesket Newmarket.	<b>Explore the scope for supporting facilities in Hesket Newmarket</b>	
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. The Parish Council and Castle Sowerby Parish Council have lobbied for extending gritting from Howbeck to Millhouse and the B5305.	Maintain provision for snow clearing of minor roads not on County Council gritting routes.	Repeat joint lobbying with Castle Sowerby to inform County Council three yearly review of gritting routes by 30 June 2019
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.	<p>Police reporting arrangements have changed with PCSOs no longer reporting to Parish Council meetings and attending when duties permit. Quarterly meetings with PCSOs for all Parish Councils were proposed as an alternative but have not proved effective and have been abandoned.</p> <p>The Clerk receives information from community links which are passed on to Parish Councillors when directly relevant.</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletters are circulated which provide an overview of activity.</p>	Continue using Cumbria Police Community Messages Service.	
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.	Continued funding included in budget.	
10. Contact mobile phone providers about the potential for a local mast.	<p>Actions taken to support digital inclusion.</p> <p>Vodafone femtocells provided at 4 locations in Caldbeck.</p> <p>New phone masts now at Newlands Hesket Newmarket and Berrier.</p> <p>Support of Northern Fells Broadband.</p> <p>Support for additional mobile masts.</p> <p>Support of new technologies such as home based 4G.</p>	<p>Support of new initiatives and technologies where appropriate.</p> <p>Continued support for Northern Fells Broadband.</p> <p>Continued promotion of digital inclusion for Caldbeck Parish Council residents.</p>	

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<p>11. Establish a Parish web-site. <b>(Bold text amendments added January 2019).</b></p>	<p>Parish website established. <b>For 2019 full agendas will continue to be posted on the two notice boards in Caldbeck and the notice board in Hesket Newmarket. Meeting dates/venues and full contact details will be posted on the notice board in Fellside. Agendas will be published on the website.</b></p>	<p>Extend use of Parish Website, including using website for agendas rather than all notice boards. <b>Consider messaging arrangements to alert parishioners to Parish Council news items/ publication of agendas and papers.</b></p>	<p>Consult on using website for agendas rather than all notice boards 31 March 2019</p>
<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. <b>Seek to safeguard the Parish's environment (added December 2018).</b></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. Restoration underway on Hesket Newmarket historic signposts. Ongoing discussions with the National Park regarding surplus land including Hesket Newmarket green and village carparks. The Parish Council has made an offer for the land and is awaiting a response.</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. Conclude purchase of surplus National Park land if offer is accepted.</p>	<p>Ongoing  By 31 January 2019  By 31 March 2019</p>
<p>13. Encourage the formation of a Red Squirrel Conservation Group</p>	<p>Group formed, Rosemary Bailey main contact. The Parish Council has supported with a small donation.</p>		

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14. Pursue the needs of young people identified in the Youth Survey, for transport, recreational facilities and other amenities.	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.		
<b>New Actions 2018</b>			
<b>15. Street lighting:</b> a) Provide additional footway lighting where there is a need.	Consideration being given to installation of solar/wind powered footway lighting.	Decision on additional footway light between Fellview School and Commercial Row.	By 31 March 2019
<b>16. Street lighting:</b> b) Make plans to take responsibility for street lighting given Allerdale Borough Council's decision to withdraw services.	<b>A contingency was established in the budget in 2016-17 when changes in responsibilities were first mooted. That contingency has helped build an earmarked reserve which is to be used for funding a new footway light. The budget for 2019-20 proposes to increase the contingency and the discussion paper sets out how the Precept would need to increase over the next two years.</b>	<b>Build firm estimates of the costs of the service, for electricity supply and maintenance. Agree assets to be transferred and their condition. Consider maintenance arrangements and how these can best be provided.</b>	<b>Budget decisions over next three years</b>