Great Plumstead, Little Plumstead and Thorpe End Garden Village



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Community Parish Plan

1. Introduction

The parish known as "the Plumsteads" is made up of three villages - Great Plumstead, Little Plumstead, and Thorpe End Garden Village. The A47 Southern By-pass and Broadland Business Park border the parish to the south; to the west by Thorpe St.Andrew and Sprowston; to the north and east by farmland that separates it from Salhouse, Rackheath and Blofield.



There are approximately 1,300 homes in the parish housing 2,590 people living in the villages of Little Plumstead, Great Plumstead and Thorpe End Garden Village. Each has its own village hall. The two historic villages of Great and Little Plumstead grew out of settlements at the eastern limits of Mousehold Heath. Until the 20th century they were typical Norfolk agricultural villages, apart from a brick works at Little Plumstead. The other significant changes in the 20th century were the transformation of Little Plumstead Hall estate into Norfolk's Learning Disabilities Hospital and the creation of Thorpe End Garden Village.

2. About The Community Parish Plan

The Parish Plan was originally an idea of the Parish Council, who were concerned that the lack of a clear mandate and structured plan for the future may disadvantage the

community and restrict it's ability to influence and gain support in delivering improvements to the quality of local life.

The Community Parish Plan Steering Group, formed on the instruction of the Parish Council, was made up of Councillors and members of the local Residents Association.

The cost of the project was expected to be approximately £2,693. Grants were sourced from the Norfolk Rural Community Council amounting to £1,000 and Broadland District Council of £500. The Parish Council funded the remaining cost of £1,193. Additional costs have been avoided through the donation in kind; consisting of prizes, materials and volunteers' time amounting to over 1,200 hours in total.

The approach taken was to:

- pull together existing activities and initiatives
- summarise known future aspirations, produce an initial draft plan
- consult and present on the draft proposals across all interest groups and residents of the community
- questionnaire issued to all households, with 323 being completed and returned
- update, revise and build a Community Parish Report and Action Plan
- have the Community Parish Plan adopted by the Parish Council
- undertake an update and review process each year to maintain the quality and relevance of the Community Parish Plan



A delivery plan was devised, focusing on key milestones and broken down into five phases: -

- Phase 1 Initiation and Feasibility July to August 2007
- Phase 2 Approach and Set Up September to October 2007
- Phase 3 Consultation November 2007 to March 2008
- Phase 4 Stakeholder Feedback April to June 2008
- Phase 5 Finalise and Publish July 2008 to January 2009

For the details of each Phase, see Appendix A. Quotes from the completed questionnaires have been included within this report and are shown in blue boxes.

3. Vision - The Community Parish Plan

The Community Parish Plan endeavours to: -

- Create a document that lays down achievable goals for the Parish's future development. The detailed information gained from the process will remain as a background document for the use of the whole community
- Create ownership of the actions identified with the Community Parish Plan to enable their delivery through appropriate working groups
- Provide every home with information about all aspects of living in the Plumsteads

- Appraise the quality of the available facilities and recommend actions to remedy the deficiencies
- Endeavour to reflect and incorporate the findings of the Parish Plan in any future developments in and around our Parish. Link up with the policies of Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council

Parishioners are advised to keep this Report and Action Plan so that they can contribute to changes and updates.

4. Acknowledgements

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5. The Environment

5.1 <u>Woodland Landscape and Wildlife Habitat</u>

95% of respondents said each village should remain separated from each other, and from Thorpe St. Andrew, by fields

Each Village is separated from the next and from Thorpe St.Andrew, Blofield and Rackheath by fields. The rural aspect of our villages is seen as very important.

The plantations in Thorpe St.Andrew and Sprowston provide the Parish with an attractive western border, as does the smaller Rackheath plantation on its northern border. Triangle Wood, bordering Woodland Drive, is an attractive feature of the Garden Village. Action should continue to be taken to preserve the "green fingers" around all our Villages.

Little Plumstead Hospital site merits special ecological attention, it is surrounded by woodland; there is also meadowland and a lake, see Appendix B. Cotes have been installed for the bats displaced from the demolished buildings. There is a County Wildlife Site stretching into the Grange's woodland, lakes and streams. This feeds into the Yare and the Broads at Strumpshaw, where there are international nature reserves (S.S.I.s), particularly for birds, as described in Mark Cocker's award winning book "Crow Country". In this way the Parish's habitat plays an important part in safeguarding European ecology.

The woodland around the Hospital site has become fragmented by piecemeal development, it should be re-united. The prime initiator would be the designation of a Conservation Area for the heritage woodland and lake parts of the original estate. This would enable the re-generation for community use and contribute towards the green corridor outlined in the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy.

88% of respondents support the planting of community woodland within the Parish

The green corridor could then continue through the Grange's woodland to reach the Blofield Hall estate and onwards to North Burlingham, where Norfolk County Council is developing a country park.

5.2 <u>Heritage Built Environment</u>

86% of respondents support the conservation of the heritage parts of our Parish

5.2.1 <u>Great Plumstead</u>

Low Road contains the Hall, the 19th century Red House and a vernacular cottage of a similar period. It also contains an early pre-fabricated bungalow made by Boulton and Paul; who achieved worldwide fame for their prefabricated metal public halls. On Smee Lane there is a substantial 18th century farmhouse.



Great Plumstead's historic treasure is St.Mary's Church. It is a medieval church with an 18th century brick tower. Much of the Church's interior was restored in the late 19th century after a disastrous fire.

At present, Great Plumstead has no focal point; it is evolving around the Parish Playing Field. The old school is situated on this central site along with the Village Hall, Bowls Club, tennis court, Scout headquarters,

allotments and a small recycling centre. The field will attract further Parish interest, when changing rooms are built to enable it to resume hosting organised sport. Its successful completion should be crowned by the erection of a Village sign to match those already erected at Little Plumstead and Thorpe End Garden Village.

5.2.2 Little Plumstead

Little Plumstead's geographic centre is occupied by 20th century housing, with the Village Hall and Village sign in its midst. On its periphery, is the gastro-pub "The Brick Kilns", a name inherited from the Village's brick-making industry; whose products are displayed in the walls of a local family house called "Brick Works". Similarly, Sandhole Lane describes its original linkage to the brick making industry, now used as the Village playing field and venue for its annual bonfire celebration.



Little Plumstead's earlier history springs from what is now described as the Hospital site. Originally it contained an early 19th century gentleman's residence in an emparked



area with many attractive landscaped features. This was replaced by the present extensive Hall, which was built after 1855.

The last private owner, Mr. Astley, added an Artdeco clock tower to the stable block and created the distinctive entrance lodge. The estate's walled garden survives, which adjoins the churchyard wall of the medieval church of SS. Gervase & Protase. This round-towered Church is a Grade II Listed Building with some ancient trees in its churchyard. Close by is a fine 19th century manor house, where the Octagon Business Park has recently opened following a commercial-use regeneration scheme.

In the vicinity is a fine 18th century manor house and another substantial fine 19th century house, The Grange, which is surrounded by woodland and lakes.

NHS Estates is selling off the Hospital site piece-meal; there is no master plan to retain the key heritage features. Broadland Community Partnership recognised the importance of retaining these features and regenerating them for community use. Implementation has been frustrated through the delay in the future development of the western part of the site. The new primary school will be built on the old Hospital playing field, see Appendix B. More details on the new School can be found in the Education section 9.2.2.

The new School, alongside the Church and Victorian Walled Garden, may provide a hub for generating community activities to be used by parishioners.

Little Plumstead Church has been re-roofed and the "Squire's" gate and path to the Church have been restored. The Walled Garden, restored by the Hospital's patients, is now deteriorating through neglect. It is hoped that it can be regenerated and used for School, Church and community activities.

5.2.3 Thorpe End Garden Village

As Norfolk's unique descendant of Ebenezer Howard's ideas, Thorpe End Garden Village exemplified the earlier work at Hampstead and Letchworth. In the 1930's the brothers, Percy and Leonard Howes, conceived a new village where individuals developed their own dwellings in conformance with a rural design, preferably with thatched roofs, providing the Village's infrastructure and a Village Green. On its southern side, there are traditional hedgerows and avenues lined with chestnut trees; it contains the county's only carriageway separated by a traditional hedgerow. In this way, it represents the best in 1930's planning practice.

The northern part of the Village, built after the War, has managed to replicate and retain the street scene lined with trees and shrubs together with integrated open spaces. The architecture of the Village reflects the changes in house style over the past 70 years and has evolved a unity, which is embodied in St.David's Church. Built in 1992, it has some beautiful modern stained-glass windows. The 1935 Jubilee thatched shelter and the facades of the eastern block of shops show the influence of the' Arts and Crafts' movement.

In 1979 Thorpe End Garden Village achieved a Best Kept Village Award for Norfolk, which is commemorated in its village sign.



5.3 Conservation

Broadland District Council (BDC) is empowered to designate parts of the Parish as Conservation Areas to protect their special architectural or historic importance, the character of which is desirable to conserve or enhance. In making such designations, BDC will take into account the views of parishioners expressed through the Parish Council.

BDC commissioned a professional appraisal of the following areas : -

- Thorpe End Garden Village The consultant reported that the southern (original) areas, including The Green, are worthy of further consideration. Also considered was the prospect of conserving the landscape of open fields surrounding the whole village merited further investigation.
- Little Plumstead

Hospital site -The consultant found that while no master plan had been drafted for the regeneration of the Edwardian



estate, efforts should still be made to conserve the historic area surrounding the Church, woodland and lake on the periphery of the estate.

"Rural aspect, peace and quiet, attractive outlook, village atmosphere and unique natural beauty"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

5.4 Issues Impacting Our Environment

The proposed Northern Distributor Road (NDR) will make a significant impact on the Parish's landscape, together with the completion of Broadland Business Park plus its further proposed expansion and housing developments at Brook Farm. These developments could yield a compensating landscape of wooded lanes stretching from Thorpe St.Andrew plantations to the NDR. However, any benefits must be balanced against the permanent loss of productive farmland and open countryside currently enjoyed by all.

The Brook Farm development presents an opportunity for "green fingers" and fields to be developed as public open spaces. In the opinion expressed by the Thorpe End Residents Association, a Community Trust should administer this public open space. It will form the next link in the chain of country parks, like Lion Wood in Thorpe Hamlet.

At the proposed blocked-off Low Road, the wild-life friendly bridge for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and farm traffic will enable them to travel safely to Great Plumstead, see Appendix D. The proposal to also block off Smee Lane and Middle Road will enable them to become country lanes, as has happened at Pound Lane, Thorpe St.Andrew. By blocking off these key arterial roads will give rise to significantly increased traffic through Thorpe End Garden Village, a "C" Class road already being blighted by heavy through traffic.

Thorpe End Garden Village residents will enjoy their first opportunity to reach the rest of the Parish safely by foot, cycle or on horseback. There should also be scope for further woodland to shield parishioners from the NDR's noise, light and fumes pollution.

6. <u>Housing & Development</u>

6.1 <u>Background of our Villages</u>

6.1.2 Great Plumstead

Originally an agricultural village, with Smee Lane and Low Road hosting "small holdings" supplying Norwich with vegetables, fruit and flowers. The building of three small private developments and 'infill' around the few pre-war cottages and council houses has increased the housing stock.

There exists some land, outside of the Village boundary, owned by Broadland District Council, who in 2006 proposed development of the site for affordable housing. This was opposed by the Parish Council, as there was no identified local need for additional affordable housing, Broadland District Council concurred with this outcome. (See section 6.3 Housing Needs - The Whole Parish). Future use of this land remains unclear and in doubt, under current planning law it can only be developed for affordable housing.



6.1.3 Little Plumstead

Little Plumstead grew from clusters of cottages to house the workers supporting the brick making industry and the large farms.

Little Plumstead Hall formed the centre of a "gentleman's" estate that became the institution for the county's mentally handicapped and subsequently under the NHS became a hospital. The hospital has now closed leaving the Broadland Clinic the only operational unit on the site.

There is some pre-war council housing on two roads that has been supplemented by private housing. The expansion of Little Plumstead primarily occurred in the 1960's and 1970's with clusters of bungalows in the centre of the village.



The Little Plumstead Hospital site has been redeveloped as a large housing estate unlike any other part of the parish, with a significant element of affordable housing.

Issues have been identified with this development:-

- lack of off-road parking within curtilages
- the narrow roads
- access to back gardens other than through the houses (this design fault was corrected in the planning stage).

It is to be hoped that these serious design faults will not be replicated as the site is developed over the coming years.

"My village has changed dramatically over the last 4 years, without appropriate infrastructure will cause social problems in the near future"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

6.1.3 Thorpe End Garden Village (TEGV)

This 'Garden Village' was initially designed in the 1930's as a mini version of Hampstead, or Letchworth. With its wide, tree-lined avenues this 'stand alone' estate exemplifies the best of pre-war planning practice. In 1979 it won the county's Best-Kept Village award for fewer than 400 residents.

The building of the northern part of the development started in the 1980's and continued to follow the earlier tradition in a modified form



so that both parts of the village have a degree of unity. The development conceived by the brothers, Percy and Leonard Howes, was completed in 1997.

Two further small developments have been built near St. David's Church. Much of the recent development in the village has been of "infill" of the larger residential plots with denser housing.

"Green and wooded areas must be protected" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

Thorpe End Garden Village is separated from the larger Dussindale residential development by a narrow green belt of farmland, it is expected this will be bisected by the building of the "Link Road" from the Broadland Business Park to the Plumstead Road junction, as detailed in the Local Framework Document (Revised 2006).

6.2 <u>Growth in Housing</u>

Over the last seven years the area has seen an increase of 23% (233) in the number of residential houses in the parish. (2001 Census listed 1,004 houses). The split of these between the villages and the spread of the population is shown in the table.

	Great Plumstead	Little Plumstead	Thorpe End Garden Village	Total
Population	397	912	1,280	2589
Houses	172	574	491	1237
Residents per Household	2.3	1.6	2.6	2.1

Data Source: Census 2001 & Broadland District Council 2004 Projections Update

This clearly shows the make-up of each village and a marked difference in residents per household.

The Government has designated the Greater Norwich Area as a "growth point" to accommodate 47,500 new houses (7,500 already built) and 35,000 new jobs between 2001 and 2026. To make these plans happen 'The Greater Norwich Development Partnership' (GNDP) has been formed and drafted its 'Joint Core Strategy' to set out the growth objectives and plan to deliver. The parish, as part of the central policy area, may be affected by the expansion.

The proposed Northern Distributor Road (NDR) around eastern and northern Greater Norwich and the planned Link Road between Broadland Business Park and Norwich's north-eastern suburbs will also affect our Parish.

> "Should be positive towards development but secure maximum benefit for the Parish during the planning and S106 obligations"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

To mitigate the effects of this growth of urban development and to assist City dwellers to reach the countryside, the Government has commissioned a Green Infrastructure Strategy with the prospect of additional funds to implement the outcomes. (e.g. a Green Corridor of cycle ways, footpaths and bridleways from Dussindale to the Broads) The Strategy provides scope to enhance the Parish's natural landscape and heritage such as the Little Plumstead Hospital site's woodland.

6.3 Housing Needs - The Whole Parish

Broadland District Council concluded from their reports and records that there was no "local" need for affordable housing. The Little Plumstead Hospital Development is likely to generate approximately 150 affordable houses over the next 5 to 10 years, it was concluded that these would greatly exceed any emerging need within the parish for this type of housing.

"Any social housing developments need to be restricted so that they are in proportion to the size of the village and also taking account of any such housing already in place"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

However the Government's national directives on "affordable housing" have obliged Broadland Council to insist that affordable housing is included in all future development in the Plumsteads. The Parish must, therefore, consider how this housing can be accommodated? There is particular concern with the danger in creating an imbalance in such small community villages.

The Parish Council, with the support of Broadland District Council, conducted a survey in July 2006 to identify the need for 'local' sheltered housing.

Approximately 1,300 questionnaires were issued to all homes across the parish (via the Church and Parish Magazine). The questionnaire comprised of 14 questions focusing on the individual, their household and their sheltered housing needs.

Whilst the level of response, 5.3%, was small from the total number of households within the parish, it was reasonably assumed that those who failed to respond have no need for sheltered housing for the elderly. Had they had such a need they would almost certainly have taken the trouble to respond.

The key points and main results that came from the responses to the questionnaire is: -

- An identified need for at least 10 such sheltered housing for the elderly
- 90% would be in favour of a small development of sheltered housing
- 80% the need would look for the availability over the next 5 years
- 66% gave the reason for wanting to move as "need for smaller accommodation, as present home is difficult to manage"
- 60% stated the tenure preferred was buying / ownership

6.4 <u>Further Development</u>

As the Parish has been identified by the GNDP as a potential growth area for large numbers of new houses, it is expected that more proposals will come forward in the near future for developments in all areas in and around our Parish, especially as the new roads infrastructure (the Northern Distributor Road and Broadland Business Park Link Road) are delivered. In such circumstances, it is important to conserve, wherever possible, the character and heritage of the three Villages.

> "Road network and general village facilities are not capable of handling further development" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan guestionnaire

6.4.1 Other Developments Impacting the Parish

- Blue Boar Lane / White House Farm, Sprowston large development of approximately 2,700 houses (in two phases 1,200 and 1,500) has been proposed for White House Farm land. Plus a further 200 houses on the Wroxham Road near the Tesco supermarket.
- An outline proposal put forward in August 2008 by the GNDP for 4,000 ECO Community at Rackheath. This has received support from the Government's Housing Minister, who will announce the outcome of the bid in 2009.
- Broadland Business Park expansion, Link Road and Brookfarm development of 600 houses In June 2008, Lothbury Property Trust (the owners of the Broadland Business Park), published their proposals for expansion of the Broadland Business Park, construction of new housing ('Brookfarm') and building of the 'Link Road'. Due account must be taken of this large proposed development of 600 houses with the significant additional traffic movements this will bring, adding to vehicle congestion and pollution for the area.
- Broadland Gate, further expansion of Broadland Business Park proposals for the north of the A47 and adjacent to Broadland Way have been published, October 2008.
- Expansion of or additional Park & Ride adjacent to the existing Park & Ride on the A47 at Postwick junction.

"Must not change existing character of our Villages" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

7. <u>Health, Social & Community Services</u>



Age Distribution in Parish

Data Source: Census 2001

7.1 <u>Health</u>

Whilst there are currently no health facilities in the Parish, 70% of the respondents to the Community Parish Plan Questionnaire would support the building of a new Health Centre, to include G.P. and Dental surgeries and a Pharmacy. Primary care is currently provided principally from GP surgeries in Thorpe St Andrew and Blofield. The Post Office in Thorpe End Garden Village has a list of local dentists and pharmacies. The NHS "walk-in" centre at Dussindale provides a seven-day emergency service for minor injuries and illnesses; Norfolk Health has announced that it plans to close and move the facility to the centre of Norwich. There is some provision of transport for the elderly and infirm to get to surgeries and receive treatment at clinics.

"Need better weekend cover from GP Surgery" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan guestionnaire

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

7.2 <u>Social Service - Services for the Elderly and Disabled</u>

The "Happy Circle Club" for the elderly meets monthly in Little Plumstead Village Hall. A ' coffee and chat ' informal weekly drop-in, at St. David's Church Hall, is open to all and has a number of elderly visitors. Norfolk County Council provides advice about the provision of domiciliary care for the elderly. There are no nursing or residential care homes in the parish, nor are there any day care centres for the elderly.

There is a small centre - Heath Farm Day Care Centre - 11 beds, for people with learning disabilities, or mental health problems. Privately owned by Barchester Care (Swanton Care and Community), clients are placed from anywhere in the county by Social Services.

"No public transport available to get to GP. Need to build a practice as part of the Little Plumstead development"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

7.3 <u>Community Services - Police</u>

Crime prevention and road policing is operated from a base in Acle, although this is expected to change with the reorganisation of Norfolk Constabulary in 2009. The crime rate in our Parish is currently comparatively low, as is shown in regular reports in 'Church and Parish'.

A number of areas within the parish run their own Home Watch networks.

"No preventative policing is available, the Police only respond to complaints"

comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan questionnaire

8. <u>Transport & Traffic</u>

As a rural parish, and despite being on the suburbs of Norwich, a high dependency has grown on the use of the car. The public transport services to the Parish are not of a level or frequency to alleviate this.

In the Parish 95% of households have access to one or more cars, compared to the national average of 73%. More significantly 58% of households have access to two or more cars compared to the national average of 29%. More details are provided on the graph below:



Data Source: Census 2001 & BDC 2004 Projections

The area has experienced a significant increase in traffic through all Villages. Prime causes are the Little Plumstead Hospital development, Rackheath Industrial Estate, Broadland Business Park and A47 Southern by-pass.

"Green Lane from the Business Park needs re-routing or greatly improved as it is a death trap" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan guestionnaire

8.1 <u>Increasing Traffic</u>

Proposals are currently being formulated under the GNDP, for a large and significant increase in housing in the area east of Norwich. It is useful to evaluate the size of these developments to understand the traffic impact relating to congestion, pollution, in the form of light, noise, carcinogenic fumes that may blight the Parish. These developments include:-

- 200 houses off Blue Boar lane
- 1,200 houses at White House Farm Blue Boar Lane
- 1,500 houses at White House Farm Blue Boar Lane Phase II
- A new link road from Sprowston Park and Ride to Salhouse Road
- 3,500 houses at Rackheath (Eco Town)
- 600 houses at the top of Dussindale (Brookfarm)
- Expansion of the current Business Park north
- Creation of an additional Business Park (Broadland Gate) North east of the A47 and adjacent to Broadland Way
- Additional Park and Ride adjacent to the existing one on the A47 at Postwick
- Northern Distributor Road

These proposals must be challenged in an objective manner, seeking what other options are available. Failure to do so will significantly change and impact our quality of life.

8.2 <u>Safety Improvements</u>

Recent improvements to road safety in our Parish are :-

- Reduction in speed limits to Hospital Road, Smee Lane, Low Road, Plumstead Road (in Thorpe End Garden Village and at the Little Plumstead junction)
- Flashing speed warning signs in Thorpe End Garden Village, on Smee Lane and Low Road
- 7.5 ton weight restrictions on most of the Parish's roads
- New footways and cycle ways, stretching from the Brick Kilns junction to Church Lane, Great Plumstead, have been seen as a safe link between the two villages and improved pedestrian access to the General Store
- Road narrowing measures on Water Lane.

8.3.1 New Roads

The Northern Distributor Road (NDR) and the construction of the Link Road (from the A47 through to the Plumstead Road) will change the Parish traffic flow patterns significantly. The impact is likely to ease some traffic hot spots, but intensify problems in other areas of the Parish. The NDR will cut directly through our Parish leading to significant loss of productive farmland.

8.3.2 Great Plumstead



There is a serious accident hot spot at Broad Lane and Plumstead Road junction (Reeves Corner). Pedestrian access to houses on Hare Road is hazardous. There are dangerous road junctions at both ends of Hare Road. Access to the Church is dangerous as vision is impeded by the bend in Church Road. Despite the weight restrictions oversized vehicles are still negotiating the narrow and inappropriate lanes.

8.3.3 Little Plumstead

There is a major accident black spot at the Brick Kilns junction between Salhouse Road and Plumstead Road. One accident saw a car crashing through the corner of the Brick Kilns Pub. This accident black spot requires urgent modification to minimize risk of serious accidents.

In the village itself, Post Office Road and Salhouse Road junction is hazardous because of high hedges, masking visibility. The area around the Little Plumstead V.A. (Church of England) Primary School has difficulties coping with the number of vehicles dropping-off and collecting children. It is expected this issue will be resolved when the School moves to a new site in September 2010.

Vehicle volumes have clearly increased. This trend will continue as more housing is built on the Hospital development and the Octagon Business Park develops further complicating safety issues.



8.3.4 Thorpe End Garden Village

It is expected there will continue to be a considerable increase in traffic volumes along the Plumstead Road, a "C" class road (C874) with open ditches. It is likely that it will have to accommodate traffic leaving the NDR to travel along the Plumstead Road into

Norwich, as well as traffic that previously used Smee Lane, Low Road and Middle Road (these roads are proposed to be closed as a result of the NDR). This will intensify the need for radical safety measures in Thorpe End Garden Village.



8.4 Bus Services

Services are currently run to all villages; service providers are Anglian Bus Company (number 123 and 54b) and First Bus Company (number 54). There is a bus shelter at the entrance to Great Plumstead Village Hall and playing field. The new bus shelter on Salhouse Road, in Little Plumstead, opened in June 2007, has met a long felt community need. The retention and refurbishment of the shelter at the end of Lodge Road would meet the needs of new residents on the Little Plumstead Hospital Development.

At Thorpe End Garden Village there is an attractive, thatched pre-war shelter on the north side of the Plumstead Road, but no shelter for Norwich bound passengers for which there is, perhaps, a greater need.

8.5 Speed Watch

This scheme, started in October 2007, has been welcomed throughout our Parish. Local training has taken place by the Police for a number of Parishioners. The concept is that a radar gun is made available for use within our Parish to monitor vehicle speeds on a random basis. The participants work in groups, with collated data being passed to our local Police. On receipt of this information then appropriate action is taken against offenders.

"Lack of respect for speed limits" comment expressed in the Community Parish Plan guestionnaire

8.6 <u>Safety Measures Required in the Parish</u>

8.6.1 Great Plumstead

- Junction improvement:-
 - Broad Lane with Plumstead Road (Reeves Corner)
 - Improvement of the splay at Water Lane junction
 - Improvements at both Hare Road junctions
- Footways:-
 - Hare Road footway from houses to Church Lane
- Effective road-drainage
- A pedestrian crossing on Church Road
- Installation of speed watch signs

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8.6.2 Little Plumstead

- A pedestrian crossing on Hospital Road
- Junction improvement:-
 - \circ $\;$ Brick Kilns, Plumstead Road and Salhouse Road
 - Crowes Loke and Salhouse Road
 - Improvement of the splay at Post Office Road and Salhouse Road junction
 - \circ Improvement of the splay at the Farm Shop, Plumstead Road
 - \circ Improvement of the visibility at Sandhole Lane and Plumstead Road
- Footways:-
 - Lodge Road to Kevill Davis Drive
- Extending 30mph speed limit on Salhouse Road to the Brick Kilns
- Rectification and improvements to the hump blind spot on Salhouse Road approaching the Brick Kilns
- Effective road-drainage
- Traffic calming measures to be repositioned and reinstated
- Installation of speed watch signs

8.6.3 Thorpe End Garden Village

- A pedestrian crossing at The Green, Plumstead Road
- A pedestrian crossing at St.David's Church, Plumstead Road
- Drainage problems on Plumstead Road throughout the Village
- Junction improvement : -
 - Broadland Drive, Boulevard and Plumstead Road
 - Heath Road, Plumstead Road and Green Lane North
- Installation of flashing School Children signs, as per 2002 Traffic Survey Ref: TE/TMB3038/NK
- Footways :-
 - North side of Plumstead Road, from Heath Road to the Post Office
 - Southside footways to the bus stop
 - Broadland Drive to the Village Hall
 - Widening of the 'trod 'along Plumstead Road's woodland edge (used by Thorpe High School students, joggers, leisure walkers and cyclists)
 - Continuous footpaths and cycle ways between Thorpe End Garden Village and Great Plumstead for the benefit of leisure walkers and cyclists, including the proposed "green bridge" across the NDR as a consequence of the resulting road closures.
- Installation of speed watch signs



9. Education

9.1 <u>Pre School</u>

The needs of the Parish for pre-school children are met by a number of activities:

- Great Plumstead Play Group: Wednesday am in the Village Hall
- Little Plumstead Pre-school: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in the Village Hall
- Thorpe End Garden Village Pre-school: Monday-Friday at St. David's Church
- Thorpe End Garden Village Mother & Toddler Group: Thursday at the Village Hall
- Edward Bear: monthly at St. David's Church
- "Fledglings" a scheme provided by Little Plumstead V.A. Primary School for the children joining the school in the September intake of each year. The children attend school one morning per week for the summer term.

9.2 Primary School

The needs of the 4-11 year olds are provided at Little Plumstead V.A. (Church of England) Primary School. The Ofsted Assessment in 2007 rated it as "good with some elements outstanding" while in the separate Ofsted Religious Education Assessment it was reported as "outstanding". The school, built in the 19th century, was enlarged in the 20th century following the closure of Great Plumstead School.

Its site, which adjoins the Little Plumstead Hospital site, is not large enough to accommodate further expansion and a new school within the west Hospital development site has been approved. School Bus transport is provided for Thorpe End Garden Village pupils only.



9.2.1 New School Survey

A survey was conducted in September and October 2006 by the Governors of the School with the aim to position the new School at the heart of our community.

The approach used was to consult across the entire Parish on how the community could use the new School, under the "extended school" umbrella, whereby clubs, groups and societies could utilise the facilities for their activities outside school hours.

A questionnaire was issued to three key groups; children, parents and the wider community of the Parish. In total 1,546 questionnaires were issued and response rates varied considerably by group.

Key points and results from the responses to the questionnaire were: -

- 71% of children take part in after-school clubs currently available
- 90% of the children take part in sport or other activities outside school
- 54% of children do not currently have school dinners
- 29% participate in BDC's "Tots to Teens" holiday programme
- 62% said they would be interested in "before-and-after" school clubs
- 79% of adults would be interested in Adult Education

There were many ideas and suggestions made about the extended use of the School facilities, activities aimed at children (with many of the ideas coming from the older children at the School), plus activities aimed at adults.

9.2.2 Development of the New School



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Many people within our community have been working very hard to ensure the new school is delivered. The key milestones are: -

- Outline planning consent granted May 2008
- Detailed planning application submitted January 2009
- Building on site commences April 2009
- Completion Summer 2010
- School opens for children September 2010



9.3 Sunshine Club and Holiday Club

St David's Church offers Sunshine Club for children aged 5 - 11 on Sundays during the 11am Church Service.

The Holiday Club offers a week of activities during the school summer holidays. On occasions activities have been run in other school holidays. These are always locally well supported and a big "thank you" to the volunteers who run these sessions.

9.4 High School

The needs of 11-18 year old pupils are met by Thorpe St.Andrew High School that has attained specialist sports college status. Bus transport is provided for pupils from Great Plumstead and Little Plumstead, whilst Thorpe End Garden Village pupils make their own way to school. Other schools and colleges in Norwich are accessible by bus.

Norfolk County Council also provides a wide range of educational and social services for children.

9.5 Library Services

Norfolk County Mobile Library Service has a van that stops every other Thursday in Great Plumstead and Little Plumstead. There are library buildings located in Blofield, Brundall and Thorpe St. Andrew.

9.6 Adult Education

There are no adult education classes run with the Parish, although these are available in the surrounding area. Details of these can be found in the public library.

10. Parish Council

Comprises of 12 members; Great Plumstead ward having 3, Little Plumstead 4 and Thorpe End Garden Village 5 councillors. Its monthly meetings (except August), are rotated between the three village halls and are held on the second Monday of each month, at 7.30pm.

A full list of dates and locations are available on the Parish Council web site <u>www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk</u>.



Councillors are always willing to receive representations from any parishioner, living in their respective wards. Their names, addresses and contact details are posted on the appropriate village notice board, together with copies of recent council meetings and other local notices.

It was a Parish Council initiative to generate a Community Parish Plan for our Villages; to create this Report and Action Plan several Councillors have served on the Steering

Group. With the publication of The Plan the Parish Council continues to demonstrate its desire to engage all residents of the Parish in community affairs.

11. Information & Communication

The Parish Council is mindful of the need to communicate to the Parish details of its activities and decisions. To this end it employs the following means : -

• <u>www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk</u> is the Parish Council's own



website. Amongst other features, it has full councillor-contact details, meetings' diary, planning guidance, Community Parish Plan, Villages' history notes and map. It is a 'one-stop-shop' for all information about local activities.

- Parish Council and Church Hall notice boards
- Contribution of items to 'Church & Parish', the monthly parish magazine
- One councillor has been appointed as Press and Public Relations Officer; they have the specific responsibility of ensuring the Council's activities are reported, as widely as possible, for the benefit of all parishioners.

12. Leisure and Recreation

12.1 Village Halls

74% of respondents said residents would like to see a youth club established at one of the village



The three Village Halls are all quite modern with various sized rooms, kitchens and toilets. In addition, St. David's Church, Thorpe End Garden Village also has similar amenities.



Together they host meetings and a variety of activities for the Village organisations whose activities are described in the 'Church and Parish' monthly magazine and at the web site at <u>www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk</u>.



Individuals can hire Halls for social functions. All are accessible although space at the Little Plumstead Village Hall car park is limited. All Halls are well used; demand for the Hall at Thorpe End Garden Village is high, although there is some spare capacity at Great Plumstead Village Hall.

12.2 Playing Fields and Play Equipment



The principal playing field is at Great Plumstead, adjoining the Village Hall. This open space also houses the Bowls Club, Scout Headquarters and Allotments are situated nearby. Great Plumstead Scout Troop, in 2006 completed the building of a new

headquarters on the playing field, funded by a National Lottery Grant. A tennis court for public use by arrangement adjoins the field. The field is not currently used for organised sport because there are no changing facilities.

65% of respondents said they would be in favour of changing rooms being built on the playing field at Great Plumstead

There is a leased open space in Sandhole Lane, Little Plumstead that is used occasionally for informal recreation and hosts the Village Hall Committee's annual 5th November bonfire. Adjoining Little Plumstead Village Hall there is a children's play area.

The open space alongside the lake, in the grounds of the Little Plumstead Hospital Development, has a well-equipped play area. It is hoped that the lake will be dredged, to enable an Angling Club to be revived and other public recreational uses. In addition there is several small-equipped play areas designed principally for under 8 year olds owned and maintained by Broadland District Council.



There are some items of play equipment on the Great Plumstead playing field. These are owned and maintained by the Parish Council. No play equipment is available in Thorpe End Garden Village.



At Thorpe End Garden Village there are two open spaces, at Padgate and Broadmead Green. There is also an under used piece of land adjacent to and belonging to the Village Hall. There is no play equipment on any of these sites.

59% of respondents from Thorpe End Garden Village said they would like to see play equipment provided

12.3 Allotments

The only allotments are on land adjoining Great Plumstead playing field; they are serviced by mains water. There is a waiting list for tenancies. Interest has been expressed by residents of both the Little Plumstead and Thorpe End Garden Village for allotments to be available. ideally within walking distance of their homes.



24% of respondents said they would like to see more allotments available

12.4 <u>Rights-of-Way</u>

There are five Rights-of-Way in Great and Little Plumstead for walkers. There are none



in Thorpe End Garden Village, although Broadland District Council own and maintain a permissive path in its northern woodland border.

There are no cycle ways in the open countryside although the new footway linking Great and Little Plumstead accommodates both cyclists and pedestrians. There are no known designated bridleways.

13. Business & Services

Agriculture remains predominant in the Parish's economy but it is following the national trend of diversification. Manor Farm, Little Plumstead now hosts the new Octagon Business Park with 16 units of high quality sustainable building with low energy requirements. Also, in this parkland setting is an agricultural merchants' business.

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Heath Farm, Little Plumstead is now the base for a Farm Shop serving meat and poultry products reared locally. Oaks Farm, Great Plumstead has branched out into home delivering supplies of compost and bark to householders. There is one remaining horticultural nursery in Great Plumstead, which specialises in floral displays. Newman's Farm at Thorpe End Garden Village provides the rural setting by raising cattle and geese. Two livery stables operate within the Parish; both in Great Plumstead, one on Broad Lane and the other on Low Road.



Thorpe End Garden Village has retained its Post Office and general store. Great Plumstead has only a general store; unfortunately Little Plumstead has no Post Office or general store.



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A range of shops and services, such as a motor repair and used car sales garage, a financial advisor, an Aga shop and 4 hairdressers/beauticians, supplies parishioners' other domestic needs.



The Brick Kilns gastro-pub has recently extended its facilities.



"Church and Parish" magazine contains a page of details of local services that are readily available to parishioners.

14. Conclusion

The success of our Community Parish Plan will only be measured by the actions taken to implement the Plan. Preparing the Community Parish Plan is one thing, making use of the findings and ensuring an achievable Action Plan is another; this is reason for all this hard work so far.

The Community Parish Plan contains a comprehensive report on the current state of the parish and gives a view of activities. The analysis of the Parish questionnaire has given some very important pointers for the future.

Firstly, it is clear that the demography of the Parish has changed over the past few years. The very nature of our villages is as a growing organism, which means there will be a need to review, improve and add to the existing facilities. The increase in housing is a

key issue for future planning consideration, both in order to provide housing for those most in need and for the sustainable future growth of our community.

There is a need to manage our environment to better effect, both through recycling and appropriate traffic control measures. Traffic throughout the Parish will continue to increase along with noise and pollution. The issue of transport and the infrastructure to support it is clearly very important, both in terms of providing links to outside facilities and its impact on the quality of village life.

The Parish Council are asked to take the lead in implementing the "Community Parish Action Plan for 2009 and beyond......" and to be its custodians for the future. There should be an annual review to be reported at the Annual Parish Meeting; linking actively to and responding positively to the new trio of blue, gold and green projects proposed by Norfolk Association of Parish Councils. These aim to reinvigorate communities through promoting grass-roots action; the heart of the Community Parish Plan.

Further Information

If you would like to get involved or want further information please make contact at <u>www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk</u>, the Parish Council's website.

15. Glossary

Site of Scientific Interest (S.S.I.) - has been designated by the Government as a nature reserve and must be protected.

Greater Norwich - a Government designation of the area comprising Norwich City and suburban parts of South Norfolk and Broadland.

Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy - embraces the provision of natural and semi-natural areas (e.g. woodland, trees and heath land) to compliment the extra housing to be built in Greater Norwich.

Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) - comprises councillors and officers of Norwich City, South Norfolk and Broadland together with Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority (part of the National Parks grouping). As a group, drafting a Planning Core Strategy, which will replace the Local Development Frameworks. Our Parish's planning strategy, as part of the central policy area, will be affected by its outcomes.

Northern Distributor Road (NDR) - is proposed as a dual-highway to link the Southern By-pass, at Postwick (A47), to the Fakenham Road (A1067). Norfolk County Council's first phase will link Postwick with the Cromer Road (A140) at Norwich Airport. In the Plumsteads, it is proposed to close Middle Road, Low Road and Smee Lane. A "greenbridge" over the NDR will enable non-motorised traffic (walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and farm traffic) to cross over.

Affordable Housing - covers a range of dwellings, whose occupiers receive financial assistance to purchase or rent these homes. It includes rented housing and part rent/part mortgage.

Housing Register - Norwich City, South Norfolk and Broadland Councils maintain a common Housing Register, any parishioner who is seeking housing help should approach Broadland for advice on how to enrol on the Register.

Housing-with-Care - covers a range of housing provided to help Parishioners who are elderly or infirm. The spectrum of housing available stretches from sheltered/retirement housing to nursing homes.

Home Watch - Broadland Council and Police facilitate groups of neighbours to look after the security of each other's properties, especially when the occupants are away. The scheme brings together these groups into a network to aid the communication.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams - provide communities with a dedicated team of officers, who are visible, accessible and known to local people. They work closely with partner agencies (statutory and voluntary) and the local community to tackle the crime and disorder concerns and issues identified within the neighbourhood. Police Officers and Community Support Officers will be members of the Team.

Rights of Way (RoW's) - describe statutory footpaths, cycle ways and bridal paths maintained by Norfolk County Council and recorded in the Parish Definitive Register. There are other permissive paths in existence within the Parishes, although their owners could close these at any time.

16. Distribution of the Report

The Community Parish Plan consists of the main document plus appendices, as detailed in the contents page.

The full report is available to be viewed on-line at:-

www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk,

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16.1 Document Control

Version Number	Date	Reason for Change
CPP December 2008 v0.60	04.12.2008	Distributed to Parish Council for approval.
CPP February 2009 v1.0	21.01.2009	Updated following PC input & printed.
CPP February 2009 v1.1	26.01.2009	Correct spelling mistakes & publish to Parish
		Council web site.

17. Action Plan

Community Parish Action Plan 2009 and beyond

The Action Plan outlines the outputs from the Community Parish Plan into a format that gives priority, ownership and a timescale to achieve. These outcomes have been identified as the areas and activities that the community has raised.

Key - below is the key for priority, its definition and details of the Groups.

Key Priority		Key Groups	: & Abbreviations Used
A - Short Term	- Outcome to happen 2009 / 2010	BDC	- Broadland District Council
	- Known delivery vehicle or mechanism to achieve	NCC	- Norfolk County Council
		PC	- Parish Council
B - Medium Term	- Outcome desired 2010 to 2013	PCC	- Church
	- Method of delivery not defined or known	SG	- School Governors
		TEGVRA	- Thorpe End Garden Village Residents Association
C - Long Term	- Listed as an aspiration	VHC	- Village Hall Committees

17.1 The Environment

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Timescale A / B / C	Comments / details / updates / status
Env1	Establishment of designated conservation areas in Parish.	Designate conservation area around the Little Plumstead Hospital Site development and Thorpe End Garden Village.	Ray Walpole, Peter Murgatroyd & PC (AT & RC)	A	 Seek Parish Council approval for scope of work and scheme/phases for developing areas in the Parish. Develop actions and time line for delivery. Full understanding of the options relating to the establishment of designated conservation areas in Parish. Retention of Villages character. Public consultation process to be implemented.
Env2	Master Plan for Little Plumstead Hospital site.	Re-united the Hospital site through an Area Action Plan, which provides the planning framework for areas of significant change.		A	 Broadland Community Partnership to commission report & feasibility to complete Master Plan Consult stakeholders - Church, School, Residents, Broadland Clinic, etc Negotiate with owners / developers to retain the key features of the site for community use.
Env3	Protection & Retention of Landscapes.	Establish areas around the Villages that each can be recognised as "area of landscape value".		В	 Seek protection from Planning Policy ENV 8 (Area of Landscape Value). Understand what protection can be achieved through links to the GNDP "Green" Strategy and "green fingers". TEGV and Dussindale "buffer" zone.
Env4	Reduce the environmental impact of the NDR.	Seek design statements. Press for commitments for community woodland to shroud the NDR's light, noise and fumes pollution.		В	 Input into next stage of NCC consultation in 2009 Representation at Public Enquiry (Autumn 2009) Seek briefings on community woodland from NCC Link to GNDP "Green" Strategy. Develop cloaking and screening with trees.
Env5	Regeneration of the Walled Garden at	 Investigate opportunities and 			 Possible community usages (heritage orchard, wild-flower meadow, pond, allotments, etc)

	Little Plumstead Hospital site for community use.	usages for the community • Funding issues	 2004 Broadland Community Partnership Initiative Investigate funding for set up and future maintenance
Env6	Provision of Community Open Space.	 PC allotment sub committee to action land usage at TEGV Development of Green area between TEGV and Dussindale 	 Restore The Green TEGV Usage of land behind TEGV Village Hall Community orchard Formation of a Community Trust to manage Green area between TEGV and Dussindale Utilisation of open spaces at Little Plumstead Hospital site
Env7	Enhancement of Village Environment	 Feasibility study for focal point at Great Plumstead 	 Village sign Car parking Development of Sports Pavilion
Env8	Village sign for Great Plumstead	 Undertake design process Identify suitable location to site 	 School children to undertake competition, the Head Teacher has already been approached and wants to take part.

17.2 Housing & Development

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Priority	Comments / details / updates / status
				A/B/C	
HD1	Design Statement for the Parish.	 Development of Design Statement to supplement BDC's design guide. To be included in the Parish Brief for prospective developers within the Parish. 		A	 Encourage appropriate eco-friendly specifications in new housing, such as water butts supplied from effective roof-down-pipe valves. Encourage model houses with adequate plots to accommodate extensions as family needs expand: extendable designs that will not offend neighbours. Each dwelling to have space for 2 cars within its curtilage. Each dwelling to have its own separate back entrance to

				 the rear garden. Maintain design style of TEGV in any further developments Retention of the green areas between TEGV and Dussindale Restrict the creation of "narrow roads" with developments.
HD2	Affordable housing that meets local requirements and maintains strong community bonds.	 Incorporate in Design Statement for Parish Location Sheltered housing requirements Preference on types of affordable housing 		 "Affordable housing" built in the future should be dispersed and 'pepper potted' among any private estates that might be built rather than built in a discrete block Need identified for sheltered housing. Recommendation that housing follows the form of "shared equity" rather that "rented" schemes".
HD3	No additional association / rented housing development on BDC land on Rosebery Road.	 Work with BDC to ensure that any development on Rosebery Road meets local needs and Housing-with-Care. Investigate options for usage and development of land. 	PC BDC	 No requirement for "local" social housing (BDC 2006) Need identified for sheltered housing only. Investigate feasibility of a 21st Century Garden Village on BDC 's land at Great Plumstead.
HD4	Infrastructure before Expansion. For future developments in and around the Parish; infrastructure requirements to be in place first.	Ensure infrastructure requirements are known and raised as part of any future consultation process (see Transport and Traffic section).		 To avoid issues with Hospital Development at Little Plumstead, as no infrastructure put in place.

HD5	Master Plan for the Little Plumstead Hospital Development • East Phase with additional 75 houses. • West Phase • South Phase – link to Broadland Clinic.	 Develop Design Statement for Parish Involvement in BDC's Planning Forum Respond to planning applications (when lodged) Establish what NHS Estates intentions are for the remainder of the site and timeline. 		 Optimise development for community through Parish Design Statement. Understand and optimise any Section 106 allocations. Set priorities on improvements from any Section 106 allocations. The designation of historic features developed for community use. 2004 Broadland Community Partnership initiative. In 2006 NHS Estates published a development brief for the West Phase for housing equivalent to the floor area of Hospital buildings to be demolished.
HD6	Maximise outputs for the Parish from Greater Norwich Development Partnership.	Input to Greater Norwich Development Partnership to influence and shape the outputs.		 Joint Core Strategy produced and distributed. Agreement between members on house number allocations.
HD7	On any future developments, in and around the Parish, to ensure maximum "green" community space through Green Infrastructure Strategy.	Develop requirements to input into Strategy when consultation starts.		Parish Design Statement
HD8	Provision of new sheltered housing for the Parish	 Investigate scope and kind of housing practicable. 	PC BDC -Older People's	 Investigate scope for an estate to be accommodated in the Village Focus at Great Plumstead. Investigate how such an estate could be incorporated into

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Housing-with-Care Partnership strategy. Social Services	 Broadland/Norfolk County Councils "Housing-with-Care Strategy". Explore scope for incorporating eco-friendly features into the estate's design.
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17.3 Health, Social & Community Services

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Priority A / B / C	Comments / details / updates / status
HSC1	To have better facilities for elderly and infirm	 Develop a strategy for better day and residential facilities for the elderly and infirm Establish links into the Broadlands Older Persons Partnership to seek benefits for the Parish 	PC	С	
HSC2	Publicise details of services available.	Confirm details of Hospital Cars, "door-to-door" and any other volunteer services available to transport to community services	PC	A	• Publish details within the Parish and to the web pages www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk.
HSC3	Develop local health facilities.	Investigate through Primary Care Trust and Broadland District Council how future needs will be serviced, taking into	PC		 It will be difficult to enable facilities directly into the Parish NHS Norfolk commissioned extension/refurbishment of Blofield Surgery with additional car parking.

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		account all the additional development / housing expansion in the Parish and surrounding area.		С	
HSC4	Build on the Community Safety Partnership.	 Set up Community Safety Partnership linkage Reduce anti-social behaviour 	PC	A	 Expand existing Home Watch schemes Ensure that the Parish's voice is heard when resources are prioritised at Community Safety Partnership Target problem areas Maintaining effective links with Police
HSC5	To encourage and support local shops and services.	Develop activities that encourage and promote local providers and their businesses	PC TEGVRA	С	

<u>17.4 Transport & Traffic</u>

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Priority A / B / C	Comments / details / updates / status
TT1	Improve road network and safety in Great Plumstead.	Push and promote safety measures required in Great Plumstead	PC NCC	A	 Junction improvements:- Broad Lane with Plumstead Road (Reeves Corner) of the splay at Water Lane junction at both Hare Road junctions Footways:- Hare Road footway from houses to Church Road Effective road-drainage on Church Road & Hare Road Pedestrian crossing on Church Road / Water Lane Installation of speed watch signs Hare Road / Water Lane

TT2	Improve road	Push and promote safety	PC		A pedestrian crossing on Hospital Road
	network and safety in Little Plumstead.	measures required in Little Plumstead	NCC	A	 Refurbish bus shelter on Hospital Road, at Lodge Road Junction improvements:- Brick Kilns, Plumstead Road and Salhouse Road Improvement of the splay Post Office Road and Salhouse Road junction Improvement of the visibility at Sandhole Lane and Plumstead Road Footways:- Footway link Lodge Road to Kevill Davis Drive. Extending 30mph limit on Salhouse Road to the Brick Kilns. Rectification/improvements to the hump blind spot on Salhouse Road approaching the Brick Kilns. Effective road-drainage on Hospital Road. Traffic calming measures to be repositioned and reinstated. Installation of speed watch signs
TT3	Improve road network and safety in Thorpe End Garden Village.	Push and promote safety measures required in Thorpe End Garden Village	PC TEGVRA NCC	A	 A pedestrian crossing at The Green, Plumstead Road. A pedestrian crossing at St.David's Church, Plumstead Road. Effective road-drainage on Plumstead Road Junction improvements:- Broadland Drive, Boulevard and Plumstead Road Heath Road, Plumstead Road and Green Lane North Installation of flashing schoolchildren signs, as per 2002 Traffic Survey Ref: TE/TMB3038/NK Installation of speed watch signs. Footways :- North side of Plumstead Road, from Heath Road to the Post Office Southside footways to the bus stop

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TT4	Reduce impact of NDR on all Villages	Representations at Public Enquiry – Autumn 2009	PC	 Broadland Drive to the Village Hall Widening of the ' trod ' along Plumstead Road's woodland edge (used by Thorpe High School students, joggers, leisure walkers and cyclists) Issues relating to the new Plumstead Road roundabout Broad Lane with Plumstead Road (Reeves Corner) improvements required, already dangerous and will now carry more traffic. Consider alternatives to proposed road closures on the Villages. Continuous footpaths and cycleways between Thorpe End Garden Village and Great Plumstead for the benefit of leisure walkers and cyclists, including the proposed "green bridge" across the NDR as a consequence of the resulting road closures.
TT5	Broadland Business Park Link Road	Lobby BDC to comply with planning consent for Business Park	PC	 Ensure Link Road design is as original planning application – as a "Link Road" not an estate road.

17.5 Education

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When /	Priority	Comments / details / updates / status
			Who	A/B/C	
Edu1	New purpose built primary school located on the west site of the hospital development.	Support school governors in their activities and plans for new school. To be operational September 2010.	SG PC	A	Started - support being provided by Parish Council. Support extended school activities for community use.

Edu2	Understanding of what can be done locally to improve local service for "young people".	 Invite "young people" to attended PC meeting to share views on activities they would like to see locally. Set up local football club facility. Play areas for all ages. 	PC	 Identify funding opportunities. Youth community worker - "youth club". Involve "young people" in the push for changing rooms at Great Plumstead.
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17.6 Parish Council

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Priority A / B / C	Comments / details / updates
PC1	Encourage involvement of all residents in community activities.	Development and publication of the Community Parish Plan and Action Plan.	PC	A	 Community Parish Plan and Action Plan. Building community spirit.
PC2	Review and update of Community Parish Plan and Action Plan.	 Presentation at Annual Parish Meeting. Chairman's review of Action Plan; progress in implementing items and actions taken. 	PC	A	 Norfolk Association of Local Council's (NALC) "Quality Council" status. NALC's blue,gold and green project awards.
PC3	Quality Status for Parish Council.	To investigate the benefits of "quality status" and the actions required to achieve.	PC	A	• Within local authority government there are advantages to the Parish in being recognised as a Quality Parish Council.

17.7 Information & Communication

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When /	Priority	Comments / details / updates / status
			Who	A/B/C	
IC2	Improved community communications	Enhance use of community web site	PC	B	www.greatandlittleplumsteadparishcouncil.co.uk

17.8 Leisure and Recreation

Ref	Desired Outcome	Action to be taken	When / Who	Priority A / B / C	Comments / details / updates / status
LR1	Extend use of Parish playing field at Great Plumstead	 Undertake a feasibility study of playfield to establish optimum usage Design and build changing rooms 	PC	В	 Grant funds should be available to facilitate the building of football changing rooms (Sports Aid Fund & links with F.A.). Would attract a local football team to use regularly. Advertise availability of tennis court in "Church & Parish".
LR2	Increase facilities available as a result of the Little Plumstead Hospital Development.	 Investigate implementation of Broadland Community Partnership's 2004 "Little Plumstead Initiative". 	PC	A	 Off-road cycling route through the woodland should be devised. The lake should be dredged for canoeing and angling. (This project was identified in 2004 by Broadland Community Partnership as "Little Plumstead Initiative"). Identify additional usages and facilities.
LR3	A strategy for better play facilities for all age groups to be developed and implemented.	 Play area for Thorpe End Garden Village Approach for enhancing facilities in Great and Little Plumstead. 	PC	A	 Full understanding of the need / requirement (TEGV). Completed - diary facility developed and operational for maintenance records. Investigate BMX track on Sandhole Lane playing field and/or Little Plumstead Hospital site. Investigate and exhaust all funding options. Join Broadland Play Partnership and SportEngland (Norfolk)

LR4	Provision of allotments in all three Villages.	• Fully investigate land accessible for allotments in each Village.	VHC TEGVRA PC	 Only available currently in Great Plumstead Encourage TEGV Village Hall to establish allotments on the land to the back of the Hall. Utilise area within the Walled Garden for allotments. Gardening classes for allotment "housekeeping".
LR5	Guarantee future footpath access for the community.	 Ask NCC to adopt TEGV footpath as a RoW. Negotiate with NDR designers and contractors for footpath improvements. 	TEGVRA PC BDC	 Adopt footpath through Thorpe End Garden Villages' northern woodland boarder as a "right of way", Broadland Council to dedicate its permissive path as a right of way. Should the proposed closure of Middle Road, Low Road and Smee Lane be implemented; ensure the public RoW's are diverted and full linked access is maintained. Ensure construction of "Green Bridge".
LR6	Develop cycleways links between Villages and neighbouring Parishes.	 Negotiate with NDR designers and contractors for footpath improvements. Negotiate with Rackheath Eco community designers for cycle ways. 	PC	 Assess impact of NDR and Link Road on cycle access Review facilities with NCC's Cycle Officer
LR7	Establish community usage of open landscape areas surrounding TEGV and Dussindale.	 Consult with Thorpe St.Andrew Town Council and develop a joint strategy for the area between TEGV and Dussindale. 	TEGVRA PC	 Brook Farm impact. Broadland Business Park expansion. Consult with other Parish Councils as areas are identified.

Appendix A

Community Parish Plan - Approach & Timelines



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Appendix A

Phase 5 – July 2008 to February 2009 – Finalise & Publish



Completion end 2012

Greater Norwich Development Partnership

- Identification as a potential growth point
- Development in surrounding areas

Broadland Business Park Expansion

- Brook Farm
- Broadland Gate
- Link Road

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Reporting & Governance

Monthly on progress, expenditure, issues & risks Highlighting Actions Needed outside the scope of CCP to Parish Council.

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