

MILBORNE ST ANDREW VILLAGE PLAN

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

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Background: The need for a new Village Plan was identified by the Parish Council in the spring of 2005 and a Steering Group was set up to work independently of the Parish Council. Due to problems of health, bureaucracy and finance it has taken until the spring of 2010 to produce a draft Village Plan.

This Discussion Document has been produced by compilation of survey data by Peter Anthony and others followed by detailed analysis and production of proposals for target actions by Peter Dunkley, Tony Dyer, Michael Hopper, John Kane and Richard Lock. The salient points of the draft Plan are reproduced below.

This document is published for your consideration well in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting planned for Friday 28th May at 7.00pm at the Village Hall where it will be an agenda item.

This Draft Plan will be presented to that meeting for discussion and comment and hopefully adoption in principle for inclusion in the Parish Council's forthcoming Business Plan. Results will be forwarded to North Dorset District Council for consideration in the current process of drawing up the *new North Dorset Core Structure Plan*.

It is intended that the approved *Village Plan* be produced in a limited number hard copy for government authorities (in order to reduce costs). The authoritative (source) document will be kept on the Milborne St Andrew Website as a "Living Document" to be amended as circumstances and legislation change and are reflected in the views and desires of the local community. A summary document will be distributed to the Community with a future edition of *The Reporter*.

Future of this Village Plan: Modern inhabitants of Milborne St. Andrew enjoy it because it is friendly, peaceful and beautiful (268 comments out of 486). A strong and "bankable" Village Plan, with a good audit trail, is required to keep it that way: resist desires of "Higher Authority" and others to "Develop" the Village. This will require setting up a formal mechanism to keep the wishes of the Village Community under review and kept up to date in the living Village Plan on the MSA Website. This plan would be used to influence the development of future Parish Council Business Plans as well as District Council Core Plans as they evolve and as evidence when making applications for grant aid.

Long Term Planning: it is worth noting the responses on possible housing development; an enlarged medical centre; long term views expressed in the Youth Questionnaire and the current proposals for development of Milborne in the NDDC Core Structure Plan. There is a clear, current opportunity to bring together these ideas (and their funding strands) together with other opportunities afforded by development planning gain, and thus be able to consider and plan for long term needs of the Community. This could well lead to the possible combination of Medical Centre, Village Hall and Leisure Centre. It is of particular worth to note that Milborne could be considered as a "geo-centre" for the development of medical and leisure facilities for the surrounding villages.

Introduction: Overall Issues and Actions. The current core Structure Plan proposals are considering limited development of the larger villages in North Dorset. Milborne is one of these. It will be necessary to ensure that the wishes of the community are met when considering these proposals and those steps are taken to monitor developments and plan for the long term (25 year) future.

The Ten Major Issues revealed by the survey are:

1. The superb community spirit and cohesion which exists should be maintained and enhanced by considerate planning of any limited future housing and business development.
2. Additional "Affordable Housing" and Local Employment for local people are required.
3. Shopping/Leisure/Recreational and Medical facilities must be supported as they are vital to the life of the Village but they also need further development to reduce to travel to neighbouring towns.
4. Public Transport Services need improvement to reduce use of private vehicles.
5. Many aspects of Road Safety within the Village need serious and continuing study/action.
6. Further Recycling Facilities are needed and Sustainable Energy opportunities studied.
7. The Visual Appearance of the Village needs improvement.
8. To ensure that the Youth of the Village, the future generations, have a considered voice in the future development of the Village
9. The wishes of the Community, reflected in this plan should be incorporated in the Parish Council's Business Plan and the District Council's Core Structure Plan.
10. A new Village Plan Steering Group will be required to ensure that this plan is properly considered by the authorities and developed as times and needs change.

| <i>Issue</i> | <i>Action</i> |
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| <u>1. General</u> | |
| <u>1.A: Implementation and Continuous Development of the Village Plan ensuring that views of all sections of the community are considered.</u> | Require the Parish Council to sponsor successor body to current Village Plan Group in order to monitor implementation of this Plan Locally and in the NDDC Structure Core Plan and to continue its development for a minimum of 25 years. |
| <u>1.B: Development of Community Facilities</u> | Future Village Plan Group to determine the long term needs of Milborne for enhanced Medical and Leisure facilities |
| <u>Y. Youth</u> | |
| <u>Y.1 Local Employment opportunities for future generations</u> | Develop plans for encouraging small businesses to set up in Milborne |
| <u>Y.2 Develop recreational/hobby opportunities</u> | To be included with Adult Recreational Development at Section 6... |
| <u>Y.3 Public Transport for Teenage Recreation, & Bus Shelter</u> | A. Continue to Lobby NDDC and Bus Companies B. Discuss possible extension of Neighbourcar |
| <u>Y.4 Safe Crossing of A354</u> | To be considered with Adult action at Section 7. |
| <u>Y.5 New Village Hall</u> | Institute discussions with VH Trustees in long term and NDDC Planners in Core Plan consultation. |
| <u>Y.5 Development of Shopping Facilities</u> | Discuss with present shop owners and NDDC planners during Core Plan consultation period |

| <u>2. Utilities and Shopping</u> | |
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| 2.A: Improvements to Public Utilities | A. Encourage individuals to write to providers. B. Parish Council conduct survey of short comings and then make appropriate representations |
| 2.B: Improvement to Services & Facilities | A. To be included in Parish Business Plan. B. Approach businesses direct |
| 2.C: Sustainable Energy | Establish Expert Volunteer(s) to research via Parish Business Plan |
| 2.C Consider plans for future shopping development in Milborne (See Youth Section Y. and Business Section 5) | Discuss with present shop owners and NDDC planners during Core Plan consultation period |

| <u>3. Health, Social Care, Security and Housing</u> | |
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| 3.A: Enlarged Health Centre (See Issue 1.B) | Consult Milton Abbas Practice and other authorities and establish dialogue. |
| 3.B: Support new Milton Abbas (& district) Neighbourcar Scheme | Lobby possible funding support |
| 3.C: Carers - low take up of registration | Encourage carers to register to obtain best support |
| 3.D: Housing Development - Villagers detailed concerns about level of development | Ensure that Villagers' concerns are not only noted but acted upon by Parish and District Council |
| 3.E: Flood Alleviation | Parish Council continue to monitor EA results |

| <u>4. Social Activities, Environment and Amenities</u> | |
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| 4.A: Community Spirit & Social Mix to be maintained when determining a Level of Development acceptable to the Community | Discussions with Parish Council and NDDC in development of NDDC Core Strategy |
| 4.B: Communications: Encourage use of <i>The Reporter</i> and <i>MSA Website</i>. | Determine requirement with <i>Reporter</i> Team |
| 4.C: Venues: Encourage use and development for maintenance of community spirit and any future increase in population. | Monitor & foster needs with Management Committees and Licensees. Especially Touring Arts/Community Café (Village Lunch and Drop-In/Cyber Café) |
| 4.D: Environmental: Encourage use of Re-cycling Facilities | Encourage PCC/NDDC to provide more facilities (see Survey Data item 4.1), especially an increase in frequency of clearance of litter bins. |
| 4.E: Environmental: Improve Visual Attractiveness of Milborne | Develop Community Schemes to reduce litter/maintain & improve public areas. Encourage improvement of visual impact of properties on main roads. |
| 4.F: Future Development: To be considerate of the wishes of the community | Ensure that MSA Parish Council Business Plan and NDDC Core Structure Plans are not at variance with the considered response of the community above and as recorded in the Parish Questionnaire |

| <u>5. Employment, Business and Education</u> | |
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| 5.A: Milborne is predominantly a Dormitory Village. Residents do not wish to change the nature of the Village significantly but modest development might be considered. | Parish Council to work with Residents to achieve an acceptable, modest, level of housing and business development in conjunction with NDDC. |
| 5.B: Development of Pre-school Facilities | Community to support development of pre-school facilities at First School site |
| 5.C: Shortage of Business development sites | Develop dialogue with planners/land owners and developers to consider modest development of retail and office space commensurate with size of the Parish |
| 5.D: Shortage of accommodation for business visitors | Encourage provision at Royal Oak and in private Bed and Breakfasts |
| 5.E: Poor public transport for workers from outside Parish | Continue lobbying of NDDC and bus companies |

| <u>6. Sport and Recreation</u> | |
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| 6.A: Support Village Hall and Sports Club | Use facilities and develop user groups |
| 6.B: Community wish for additional activities | Form "Organisational Resource Team" to determine needs, support and available expertise |
| 6.C: Long Term need for enlarged Community Complex | Form an Advisory Group to determine long term needs for medical, recreational and leisure activities ion Milborne and surrounding area |

| <u>7. Travel, Transport, Roads and Pavements</u> | |
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| 7.A: Private Car Usage is 17 times higher than public transport for all uses. | Parish Council to lobby for better public transport and to foster joining car sharing and low cost travel schemes |
| 7.B: Street Lighting | Parish Council to consider measures by which savings may be made by reducing street lighting |
| 7.C: Pedestrian Safety | Parish Council to press for better maintenance of foot paths and highways with provision of formal pedestrian crossing of A354 |
| 7.D: Speed | Highways to ensure mains supply to SIDs and monitor vehicle speeds |
| 7.E: Speed | Parish Council to encourage more frequent Police presence to control speed |
| 7.F: Dorchester Bus Stop | Parish Council to make final positive decision to move stop including all possible facilities in association with formal pedestrian crossing of A354. |

Note the responsibility for ensuring that agreed actions are implemented, on behalf of the Community, will rest with the future Village Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council. The ways of doing this will be fleshed out in the presentation to be given at the Parish Meeting.