



Chetnole & Stockwood
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Foreword

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this Parish Plan. In a community there often needs to be a specific way of getting the members to think about what they want from the place they live and what they wish to give to it in return. This Plan has provided that way.

The Members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, themselves representative of various sections of the populace, have put great effort and enthusiasm into surveying the people of the parish, doing a detailed follow up, and then carrying out a full consultation exercise on the results, including explaining fully to the Parish Council how they are proceeding and the results of their work.

They have now succeeded in combining a practical view of the way we would like our Parishes to be, with some more visionary aims and objectives.

The Steering Committee are to be congratulated on their work and I commend the Plan to you all.

Bob Owen
Chairman
Chetnole and Stockwood Parish Council



The Parish

The villages of Chetnole and Stockwood are set in the attractive countryside of the Blackmore Vale. Chetnole is sited close to the River Wriggle which runs north as a tributary of the River Yeo and Stockwood is located on relatively high, more visually exposed land. The villages are seven miles south west of Sherborne and south east of Yeovil and generally the area in the Vale consists of shallow clay and is rather poorly drained, suitable mainly for grazing.

The two villages have changed over the last 100 years from being largely self-sufficient agricultural based communities to villages where many of the inhabitants are either retired or dependent on adjoining towns for employment.

Chetnole as a village does not appear in the Domesday Book but there is reference to a Chenolle (part of Manor of Yetminster). The earliest reference to Chetnole is in a 1242 document which spelt it Chetenoll.

Chetnole has a handsome church, St. Peter's at the centre of the village and Stockwood has the smallest church in Dorset - St Edwold, built in the 15th century.

Most of Chetnole is within a Conservation Area and has an unusually large number of sizable and significant houses. In total the two villages have around 300 residents.

For more information about the history of the area refer to
"Chetnole – A brief history of a Dorset village"
compiled by Paul & Annette Hallett

Parish Plan Introduction

Back in 2000 the Government launched the concept of Parish & Town Plans because it wanted to encourage local communities to become more involved with, and have more control over, their own affairs and lives.

It was hoped that this approach would encourage the co-operation of District Councils (and others) with local communities in seeking to achieve the aspirations and objectives identified by those communities.

In 2008, the Parish Council's proposal to implement the preparation of Chetnole and Stockwood's parish plan was well received and a small group of interested villagers took on the challenge.

This Parish Plan is based on the responses to a parish survey carried out in March 2009 and a village open event in May 2009.

The survey response from 169 residents (77 households) represents a return rate of around 53% and demonstrates a good level of local support and interest from the community.

The survey sought to offer residents the widest opportunity possible to comment freely on any matter of concern to an individual as well as asking for opinions on well known local issues.

Having identified from those responses, the main issues of concern to residents, an open feedback event was arranged in the village hall (on Duck Race Day) to gather extra information on those issues. The event was supported and managed throughout by members of the steering committee.

Many villagers visited the hall during the event, participating in the information gathering exercise, which underlines the interest and commitment to the process from the community.

As a consequence, the plan has developed to provide a firm statement of villagers' aspirations and needs, not only in dealing with some specific areas of concern, but also with the quality of life enjoyed.

The title for this plan "*Looking forward*" is intended to reflect many of the comments recorded on the questionnaire forms. It sums up the general feeling of the Parish Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council but it is felt that this must be balanced with the view that "*Chetnole and Stockwood are great the way they are*" which is also widely supported by the residents.

The main sections of this plan are:

Section 3;

Recommendations Summary –
The major recommendations

Section 4;

The detailed information from which the
recommendations originated

Section 5;

Action Plan, all of the recommendations
in a table with timescales and
responsibilities.

Summary of Recommendations

The Steering Group recommends that the following actions are undertaken following the production of this parish plan for Chetnole and Stockwood.

All the recommendations are contained in the Action Plan in section 5 of this document but the Major Issues have been highlighted below and identify those matters that are of major importance to the residents of our two villages. Please note these actions are not listed in an order of importance.

- ❑ Investigate ways to ensure Stockwood is better included in our community.
- ❑ Investigate improved and safer access to Chetnole Halt (train stop) particularly with respect to vehicle access with the provision of a small car park or drop off area.
- ❑ Investigate the provision of a more regular and convenient bus service to Sherborne and/or Yeovil.
- ❑ A more detailed parish environment plan should be produced to include practical activities to enhance the environment.
- ❑ Investigate further the feasibility of allotments or a voluntary 'plot share' scheme using larger gardens.

- ❑ Discuss the comments about the flood warning scheme with the Environment Agency to see whether improvements to the service and publicity can be made. Encourage the EA to investigate sources of flooding.
- ❑ Produce an audit of footpaths to identify main problems and an action plan to tackle these.
- ❑ Encourage future development to respect the rural character of the villages and be in keeping with the local environment and architecture. Priority for such housing development as is permitted should be affordable housing.
- ❑ Investigate the feasibility of plastic recycling facilities in the parish.
- ❑ Investigate ways to ensure the County planning officers listen carefully to the parish council feedback. Review system of publicising planning applications to see whether improvements can be made.

Most of the aspirations of the Chetnole & Stockwood villagers can only be fulfilled by the input of time and effort by volunteers from within the parish itself; however several of the actions can best be addressed by the Parish and County Councils.

Summary of Survey Findings

In the following sections 4.1 to 4.5 we have attempted to summarise the comments and information provided in parish questionnaire and during the “Open event” under five main headings: ***Transport, Community, Environment, Housing and Development and Leisure.***

The raw data from these surveys is available in the Chetnole & Stockwood Parish Plan Appendix A, this material has deliberately been published as a separate document so that the valuable information is preserved for present and future reference but does not clutter this plan with too much detailed information.

The action list at the end of each of the sections 4.1 to 4.5 feeds directly back into the Action Plan table in section 5.

Transport

- 4.1.1. The main mode of transport for work, leisure and shopping activities is the motor car.
- 4.1.2. The residents were generally not too concerned amount the amount of traffic coming through the villages however there was quite a bit of concern about the speed of traffic through Chetnole and Stockwood. The idea of multiple traffic calming schemes such as speed cameras, parking restrictions, speed bumps or chicanes did not appeal but the use of speed control measures such speed re-activate illuminated signs seemed to be popular.
- 1.4.3. Several danger spots were highlighted throughout the villages particularly the tight bends on the Chetnole to Stockwood road, the blind corner in Chetnole just past Thurlands and the bridge top at the Halt. Some residents were concerned about large abattoir lorries traveling through Chetnole and wondered if there is a way to prevent them, they often drive down Deep Ford Lane because that is the standard Satellite Navigation System recommended route.
- 4.1.4. Generally the residents said they do not have a problem getting to key services such as doctors, hospitals or the chemist. The SCAT/NORDCAT community bus does not get requested to pick up Chetnole or Stockwood residents very often and in fact there may well not be any registered users at present from the two villages.



4.1.5. The train service would be used more by the residents if there was easier parking at the Halt and if the service was more frequent. The Halt needs safer access and a small parking area, drop off zone or just a turning space; there was quite a lot of support for this type of improvement at the Halt.

4.1.6. Several residents expressed concern that the local roads could be kept cleaner, less mud for instance, in some places the tractors, lorries and the school bus have damaged road edges/verges, the grass verge at the entrance to Lambs Plot for example. It was also highlighted that the hedge trimmings need to be removed so drains and ditches do not become blocked. Potholes in the roads around Chetnole and Stockwood are also an area of concern.

4.1.7. A small number of residents expressed a wish to have a regular and convenient bus service connecting Chetnole with Sherborne (Not via Yeovil) and some of the younger villagers said late night buses to and from Sherborne and Yeovil would be good. The view was expressed that the regular daily bus schedule is now so bad that is almost unusable and is even worse during the school holidays when the kids need it. It was noted that there is an "On Request" bus service in the area.

ACTIONS

(With reference to relevant paragraphs)

- A. Investigate speed control measures in the Chetnole such as permanent or temporary speed re- activate illuminated signs.
(ref 4.1.2.)
- B. Work with the County Highways agency to reduce the risk of accidents at the known danger spots on the roads in the Parish.
(ref 4.1.3.)
- C. Investigate improved and safer access to Chetnole Halt (train stop) particularly with respect to vehicle access with the provision of a small car park or drop off area.
(ref 4.1.5.)
- D. Investigate the provision of a more regular and convenient bus service to Sherborne and Yeovil.
(ref 4.1.7.)

Community

4.2.1. Overall the community is felt to be friendly and supportive – several people commented on the welcome they've found on moving to the parish, and the young people who responded almost all feel it is a good place to grow up in. There is much support for retaining this positive community atmosphere.

4.2.2. One recent development has been the closure of the village shop and Post Office in Chetnole. The consultation occurred before this event but the questionnaires showed that many people did say they used the shop (and post office) frequently and much concern was raised at the possibility of their loss. Therefore we can be confident that it is an issue which should be raised in the Plan. It is important both to maintain local facilities for people to buy essential supplies, and because a village shop is traditionally a centre of the local community. Should a new commercial operator for the shop not be found, action should be taken to look into community-based solutions. There was support for more stocking of local and/or different products and so

consultation on what people want to purchase would have to form part of development of any community-based retail.

4.2.3. Just under half of respondents do not know who their representatives on the Parish Council are, though only a quarter of responses felt the Parish Council were insufficiently aware of local concerns. Over half of respondents felt the District Council and the MP are aware of local concerns with the County Council being judged least aware. On the flip side, many residents feel they are not sufficiently informed about the activities of the District and County Council – and to a lesser extent the Parish Council.

4.2.4. Of the services to the community, the postal delivery (particularly), refuse collection, ambulance and mobile library are rated overall as good, with road maintenance, roadside cleaning and mobile phone service being the only services with a significant number of 'poor' ratings. Few people commented on physiotherapy and dial-a-ride services but they did rate overall as 'poor'.

4.2.5. The majority of people feel that there is sufficient police presence in the parish, though there is some support for increasing this. The Homewatch scheme in Chetnole is positively received and could be extended to include Stockwood. Generally crime is relatively low though there have been some incidents. Noise is a concern for some people.



4.2.6. Traffic calming, pavements and street lighting are on the whole not popular as they would bring a suburban feel to the villages and increase light pollution (the ability to see the night sky is valued). There is support for reducing speed of traffic if this can be done another way, and the idea of a light outside the church for winter use has some support (though this was not popular at the "Open event" consultation it would be less intrusive if switched off when not in use).

4.2.7. There is also some support for greater community facilities such as sports and activities for young people and for community spaces such as a wildlife area, orchard and allotments.

4.2.8. Dog mess is an issue for some people, though the situation on the playing field is felt to have improved at least. Litter is mentioned by a few people (e.g. on verges and footpaths), and there is some support for a village 'tidy-up' event – this could encompass other activities such as environmental enhancement not just litter. Views on more or fewer litter and dog waste bins are pretty much split evenly so overall this seems about right providing they are emptied. There is a need to encourage people to be more responsible and take litter and dog mess home.

4.2.9. A large number of respondents have access to the internet and a village web-site to better publicise events and initiatives would be very useful.

ACTIONS

(With reference to relevant paragraphs)

- A. Raise awareness of Parish Council activities, members and opportunities for residents to get involved.
(ref. 4.2.3).
- B. Continue to support and develop the Homewatch scheme and consider extending it to Stockwood.
(ref. 4.2.5)
- C. Set up a village web site to publicise activities and encourage participation.
(ref. 4.2.9)
- D. Investigate ways to ensure Stockwood is better included in our community (new).
- E. Investigate ways to ensure the County planning officers listen carefully to the parish council feedback.

Environment

4.3.1. The environment around the two villages is very much a rural one, with typical land uses including cattle-grazed grassland, small woodlands, the river, streams and ditches, hedges and trees – some of them very old magnificent specimens (Oaks in particular). Chetnole previously included many orchards (the 1919 OS map shows these) though other than trees in gardens there are none now left. The villages themselves are limited in how many natural areas are accessible to residents other than on footpaths, the playing field being mainly formal open space. Chetnole Churchyard is managed as part of the 'Living Churchyards' scheme to enhance its potential for wildlife in a way which is in keeping with its main function as a place of remembrance.

4.3.2. We asked if people would be prepared to help with village environment projects, physically and/or financially. There is much support, time permitting, for practical action with many people prepared to help with a 'village tidy-up' event and a fair number with other projects – most popular being creating a local nature reserve, a community orchard, allotments and/or a village pond. There is already an active group – the 'Chetnole Choppers' - helping manage Chetnole Churchyard. Helping financially was also well supported – though naturally not everyone can afford this – but enough to suggest that there could be successful local fundraising to get popular projects off the ground.



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- 4.3.3. Projects which would enhance the environmental sustainability credentials of the villages were well supported, particularly local food initiatives such as supporting local food producers and supporting local people to grow their own food through allotments or a plot share arrangement. Energy efficiency projects including for the village hall and through increasing wood fuel use were also supported. To reduce costs to residents, better publicity of the oil bulk-buying scheme is needed. Improvements to public transport and schemes like car sharing were encouraged.
- 4.3.4. There is a lot of support for improved recycling facilities in the villages, particularly a bin for plastic recycling, which currently has to be taken to Sherborne or other towns to be recycled.
- 4.3.5. There were many comments relating to flooding and the flood warning scheme (with a number of residents not aware of the latter). Most people who are aware feel the scheme is adequate, but there were comments about it being too generalised and sometimes too late to do much. Some residents would appreciate more help with sandbags etc, especially when they are less physically able to manhandle them. The roads do frequently flood, if not surrounding houses, and this means access difficulties for Chetnole in particular. Further investigation will be needed to see what can be done to effectively help.
- 4.3.6. Views on footpaths and bridleways are split between those who feel that they are adequate and those who do not. Overall there are a fair proportion of residents who are unable to use the 'countryside' paths outside the main village routes due to mobility problems and for them the shorter 'in-village' paths and roads are most important. The following issues have been raised:
- Some paths and bridleways are impassable in wet weather.
 - Severe rutting caused by off-road recreational vehicles has damaged some of the green lanes.
 - Poor signage has made many of the routes difficult to follow in places.
 - Some signs have been destroyed by hedge or verge cutting machines.
 - Some stiles and gates are in a poor state of repair and dangerous.
 - Difficulty for less mobile people in opening gates and climbing over high stiles.
 - Some paths/bridleways are overgrown and difficult to use (especially for horses).
- 4.3.7. Publication of a footpath map for households was mentioned by a few people – and also the need for walkers to stick to paths was mentioned (presumably by landowners / farmers). Improved information and signage would help with this. There is support for opening more footpaths such as a route to the station.

4.3.8. There is generally a split between people wishing to see verges and hedges kept 'neat and tidy' and those wanting them managed for wildlife (with many wanting both).

4.3.9. Tree and hedge planting was supported in appropriate places, one or two residents mentioning a need to plant trees to enable them to mature in time to eventually replace currently mature and old trees, though managing the existing trees rather than felling them is supported.

ACTIONS

(With reference to relevant paragraphs)

A. A more detailed parish environment plan should be produced to include practical activities to enhance the environment.
(ref. 4.2.7 4.3.1 4.3.8 4.3.9).
Groups of supportive local volunteers could be formed to take this forward – e.g. a wildlife projects group or further support for the 'Chetnole Choppers'.
(ref. 4.3.2)

B. Investigate options for more community environment areas such as a community orchard or nature area.
(ref. 4.3.2)

C. Investigate further the feasibility of allotments or a voluntary 'plot share' scheme using larger gardens.
(ref. 4.2.8, 4.3.2, 4.3.3)

D. Investigate energy efficiency options for public buildings such as the village hall.
(ref. 4.3.3)

E. Investigate the feasibility of plastic recycling facilities in the parish.
(ref. 4.3.4)

F. Discuss the comments about the flood warning scheme with the Environment Agency to see whether improvements to the service and publicity for it can be made. Encourage the EA to investigate sources of flooding.
(ref. 4.3.5)

G. Discuss with Parish Council Footpaths Liaison Officer and Dorset County Council how to address problems on footpaths.
(ref. 4.3.6).
Produce an audit of footpaths to identify main problems and an action plan to tackle these.
(ref. 4.3.7)

Housing and Development

- 4.4.1. From those households who returned questionnaires, most housing is owner-occupied, with a few rented from housing association or privately. House types are predominately detached or semi-detached, with 3-4 bedrooms most common.
- 4.4.2. Lack of housing for younger people and families to move into and/or lack of affordable housing (both to purchase and to rent) is identified as the major housing issue in the villages. There is concern that the parish should continue to be home to all ages of residents including but not limited to retired people.
- 4.4.3. The majority view of residents is that the villages are nice as they are and a pleasant environment to live in and any future developments should ensure that the look and feel of the villages is not drastically altered. There is support for some very small scale development such as low-cost market or rented housing or small-scale business use if it is in keeping with the villages



as they are now (e.g. A small number of houses in each development and using locally appropriate stone / design).

- 4.4.4. There is also concern about impacts of potential development on open spaces and whether the sewage system could cope with new housing – such issues would need to be carefully considered.
- 4.4.5. Overall people felt that sufficient publicity is given to planning applications affecting the parish, but a significant number felt that there was not. The district council does automatically consult neighbours, therefore possibly it is wider publicity (such as in parish newsletters or notice boards) which perhaps people are commenting on.

ACTIONS

(With reference to relevant paragraphs)

- A. Encourage future development to respect the rural character of the villages and be in keeping with the local environment and architecture. Priority for such housing development as is permitted should be affordable housing.
(ref. 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4)

Leisure

- 4.5.1. The majority of the returned questionnaires stated they would like to see more musical events in the village, the Artsreach events to-date have been particularly well received; also more Artsreach performances for children would also have a strong appeal.
- 4.5.2. The excellent plays and pantomimes the Wriggle Valley Players have put on were noted and requests for more drama productions were popular, and setting up a theatre club should be considered with organised trips to Bath and Bristol.
- 4.5.3. A Chetnole annual Sports Day had quite a lot of support from the returned questionnaires with the parish children in particular showing interest.
- 4.5.4. It was generally felt that regular groups meeting for sport, music, drama, gardening or art sustain village life and should be supported and encouraged wherever possible.
- 4.5.5. A central village (Chetnole) green was suggested this could be used to site a permanent war memorial and perhaps a village Christmas tree in the winter.
- 4.5.6. Several adults and children wanted more sporting things to do in the parish and in particular on the Chetnole Playing Field, suggestions included tennis, rugby, basketball and organised junior football. An annual fundraising parish ride was suggested which would be open to horse riders and off road cyclists.
- 4.5.7. There were many requests for a basketball hoop/area and for a communal tennis facility either a court or a tennis wall. It should



be noted that the provision of a basketball area has now been completed with the Playing Field sub-committee being the main driving force behind it.

- 4.5.8. It was noted that some children felt the parish lacks a meeting place for them, a youth club or even a youth shelter meeting place were suggested.
- 4.5.9. It was felt that the parish is well served with Internet access on an individual domestic basis but does lack an "open to all" facility for those with no experience or the equipment to access the Internet. A "Silver Surfer" Club perhaps in the Chetnole village hall could be set up; this would require a broadband connection to be established and a Computer/router equipment to be purchased.
- 4.5.10. Of all the facilities on the Chetnole playing field the children's play equipment appears to be most used, although some people commented that it is really only suitable for young children and does not cater for the teenagers. Consideration should be given to providing climbing type play equipment for older children.
- 4.5.11. It is generally felt that the Boules piste is very well used in the summer and autumn months with the Boules Club being one of the playing field's most recent success stories. The use of the bike ramp appears to be picking up and in this winter's snow some parish toddlers were seen sledging down it.

4.5.12. The provision of other facilities on the playing field that people showed an interest in included a community picnic area (perhaps with a permanent fire pit or barbeque), skate board park/ramp, group seating area, information about local wildlife (putting up bird boxes and growing wildlife friendly native shrubs/plants) and more challenging woodland style playing equipment. There were several suggestions for encouraging and promoting the use of the playing field for events such as gala days, wedding receptions (marquee) and other celebrations.

4.5.13. One of the main uses of the Chetnole Playing Field appears to be dog walking and exercising, a large number of the returned questionnaires stated that dog walking on the field was very popular. This must be balanced by the concerns of several people who felt that dogs should not be on the playing field especially near the children's play area due to possible contamination due to dog faeces. Consideration should be given to creating a fenced off dog free zone around the play equipment

4.5.14. One surprising aspect of the returned questionnaires was the apparent lack of direct involvement by members of the parish in the Chetnole Cricket Club and team, most of the players and committee members appear to come from outside of the parish. However comments received about the Cricket Club tended to agree that it is a good facility and generally adds to the quality of life in the parish.

4.5.15. When asked if the playing field area could or should be put to another use, the vast majority said they were against it, the consensus opinion was strongly in favour of keeping it as a parish facility and very much as it is at present.

ACTIONS
(With reference to relevant paragraphs)

- A. Arrange more drama and Artsreach style events in the village including events for children.
(ref. 4.5.1. and 4.5.2.)

- B. Look into starting up an annual Parish Sports Day for all ages.
(ref. 4.5.3.)

- C. Investigate the provision of a tennis facility, either a community available court or perhaps a tennis wall.
(ref. 4.5.7.)

- D. Look into providing a youth club or youth shelter/meeting place in the parish.
(ref. 4.5.8.)

- E. Instigate the setting up of Internet access in the village hall and the establishment of a "Silver Surfer" Group.
(ref. 4.5.9.)

- F. Re-look at the Chetnole Playing Field Play equipment and investigate if it can be enhanced for older children.
(ref. 4.5.10. and 4.5.12.)

- G. Consider the addition of picnic, skateboard and group seating improvements to the Playing Field and look into making the area more easily useable for celebration style events.
(ref.4.5.12.)

Action Plan

The following table of actions draws on the main body of this Parish Plan (Section 4).

The column labelled Timescale is divided into Short Term and Long Term where Short Term is intended to be up-to 1 year and Long Term is 1 year plus. The partners listed with each action are possible parties that could be engaged in making the action a success. The Lead Responsibilities column gives an indication of the possible groups that could lead that particular action. The priority rating is primarily based on a combination of the questionnaire responses and the frequency and intensity of comments associated with questions.

KEY:

- STAG - Sherborne Transport Action Group
- WDDC - West Dorset District Council
- DDC - Dorset District Council
- EA - Environment Agency
- NORDCAT - North Dorset Community Area Transport

Topic	Action	Partners	Lead Responsibilities	Timescale		Reference from Section 4	Priority
				Short Term	Long Term		
Transport (para 4.1)	A. Investigate speed control measures in the Chetnole such as permanent or temporary speed re-activate illuminated signs.	County Highways Agency	Parish and County Councils	■		4.1.2	
	B. Work with the County Highways agency to reduce the risk of accidents at the known danger spots on the roads in the Parish.	County Highways Agency	Parish and County Councils		■	4.1.3	
	C. Investigate improved and safer access to Chetnole Halt (train stop) particularly with respect to vehicle access with the provision of a small car park or drop off area.	Train and Rail Authorities	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.1.5	Major
	D. Investigate the provision of a more regular and convenient bus service to Sherborne and Yeovil.	Bus Companies STAG, DCC, NORDCAT	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.1.7	Major
Community (para 4.2)	A. Raise awareness of Parish Council activities, members and opportunities for residents to get involved.		Parish Council	■		4.2.3	
	B. Continue to support and develop the Homewatch scheme and consider extending it to Stockwood.	Parish Council Community Police Officer	Homewatch Group		■	4.2.5	
	C. Set up a village web site to publicise activities and encourage participation.	Parish Council Chetnole E-Diary	Volunteer Action Group	■		4.2.9	
	D. Investigate ways to ensure Stockwood is better included in our community.	Parish Council	Parish Council	■			Major
	E. Investigate ways to ensure the County planning officers listen carefully to the parish council feedback. Review system of publicising planning applications to see whether improvements can be made.	WDDC	Parish Council	■			Major

Topic	Action	Partners	Lead Responsibilities	Timescale		Reference from Section 4	Priority
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Environment (para 4.3)	A. A more detailed parish environment plan should be produced to include practical activities to enhance the environment. Groups of supportive local volunteers could be formed to take this forward – e.g. a wildlife projects group or further support for the ‘Chetnole Choppers’.	Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee Dorset Wildlife Trust Chetnole Choppers	Volunteer Action Group	■		4.2.7 4.3.1 4.3.8 4.3.9 4.3.2	Major
	B. Investigate options for more community environment areas such as a community orchard or nature area.	Parish Council, Dorset Wildlife Trust	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.3.2	
	C. Investigate further the feasibility of allotments or a voluntary ‘plot share’ scheme using larger gardens.	Parish Council, Dorset Allotments Association	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.2.8 4.3.2 4.3.3	Major
	D. Investigate energy efficiency options for public buildings such as the village hall.	Parish Council, WDDC, DCC	Village Hall Committee		■	4.3.2	
	E. Investigate the feasibility of plastic recycling facilities in the parish.	WDDC	Parish Council	■		4.3.4	Major
	F. Discuss the comments about the flood warning scheme with the Environment Agency to see whether improvements to the service and publicity can be made. Encourage the EA to investigate sources of flooding.	Parish Council, Environment Agency	Parish Flood Officer		■	4.3.5	Major
	G. Produce an audit of footpaths to identify main problems and an action plan to tackle these.	Parish Council, WDDC	Parish Footpath Officer, Volunteer Action Group	■		4.3.6 4.3.7	Major
Housing and Development (para 4.4)	A. Encourage future development to respect the rural character of the villages and be in keeping with the local environment and architecture. Priority for such housing development as is permitted should be affordable housing.	WDDC Planning Department	Parish Council		■	4.4.2 4.4.3 4.4.4	Major

Topic	Action	Partners	Lead Responsibilities	Timescale		Reference from Section 4	Priority
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Leisure (para 4.5)	A. Arrange more drama and Artsreach style events in the village including events for children.	Artsreach, WDDC	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.5.1 4.5.2	
	B. Look into starting up an annual Parish Sports Day for all ages.	Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee) Cricket Club, Boules Club	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.5.3	
	C. Investigate the provision of a tennis facility, either a community available court or perhaps a tennis wall.	Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee)	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.5.7	
	D. Look into providing a youth club or youth shelter/meeting place in the parish.	Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee)	Volunteer Action Group		■	4.5.8	
	E. Instigate the setting up of Internet access in the village hall and the establishment of a “Silver Surfer” Group.	Volunteer Action Group	Village Hall Committee	■		4.5.9	
	F. Re-look at the Chetnole Playing Field Play equipment and investigate if it can be enhanced for older children.		Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee)		■	4.5.10 4.5.12	
	G. Consider the addition of picnic, skateboard and group seating improvements to the Playing Field and look into making the area more easily useable for celebration style events.		Parish Council (Playing Field Sub-committee)		■	4.5.12	

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