

**Sible Hedingham Parish Plan – completed 2005
Update Jan 2008**

Actions to be undertaken by the community

Action/proposal	Completed	Removed	Still to be done	In Progress	Comments
Continue policy of street cleaning and litter picking				Yes – ongoing – weekly.	This is carried out by Parish Council workman weekly and the areas covered have been extended.
Encourage fast food outlets to take more responsibility for cleanliness	Yes				The number of fast food outlets in the village has recently increased. The Parish Council has provided additional litter bins where required and has encouraged the proprietors to empty them regularly.
Install extra litter bins, dog bins and salt bins as required	Yes				Additional litter, dog and salt bins have been installed in various parts of the village during the last couple of years
Monitor use and behaviour at skate park and add more equipment if appropriate	Yes				The skate park is well used and additional items were added during December 2006.
Re-install the parking sign to indicate location of car park	Yes				
Encourage residents to report incidents as they occur	Yes				
Encourage local stores to refuse alcohol to those under age and explore possibility of a Park/Community Warden	Yes				Two out of three stores in village have been prosecuted for selling alcohol to under age persons. BDC has appointed a Community Warden who patrols Sible Hedingham
Make retailers aware of lack of product choice	Yes				The range of products in many retail outlets has significantly improved particularly the Co-op and Total Garage who have both extended their range of grocery products.
Encourage clubs and societies to advertise their events on the PC website. Update the Community Profile held at the library	Yes				The Community Profile is currently being updated.
Distribute 2005 Annual Report and make PP available to all	Yes				In addition annual reports for 2006 and 2007 have been distributed to all

					households.
Maintain and update PC website and noticeboards regularly	Yes				On going continuously – this is never ending!
Encourage reporting by residents of footpath and road defects	Yes				Sible Hedingham has a very active Footpath Advisory Group – the village has an extensive network of footpaths which are in good condition. The Parish Council works very closely with the Parish Paths Partnership.

Actions requiring help from specific service providers

Action/proposal	Completed	Removed	Still to be done	In Progress	Comments
Produce a VDS				Yes	This is still in progress and proceeding satisfactorily.
Maintain dialogue with police to improve response times and increase level of police cover	Yes				Regular meetings are now held with Essex Police, representatives of Sible Hedingham Parish Council and village traders. Police cover has increased in the village.
Initiate traffic surveys and follow up with relevant agency	Yes				At the request of the Parish Council, Essex County Council Highways Department have carried out traffic surveys in different parts of the village.
Work with bus service providers and special fund providers to secure additional and improved services				Ongoing	An additional bus service has been provided to which the Parish Council has contributed towards the cost.
Call on rapid response clean team as appropriate				Ongoing	Yes they are called upon regularly to clean up various areas of the village.
Monitor the condition of water courses and ensure appropriate action by relevant agency or landowner				Ongoing	The Parish Council has been very active in connection with flood prevention measures. Three flood lagoons are currently being constructed in Wethersfield Road and another flood lagoon has been planned for Cobbs Fenn. In February 2007, Alderford Brook was thoroughly cleared out. The Parish Council has arrangements in place

					for the delivery of sand bags in case of flooding and in January 2008 over two hundred sand bags were delivered to vulnerable houses.
Support and encourage those volunteering to take on the management of new initiatives				Ongoing	
Encourage neighbourhood Watch schemes	Yes				The Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has attended Parish Council meetings.
Encourage BDC to increase doorstep collections of recyclable materials	Yes				Recycling is steadily increasing
Ensure that dropped kerbs are in place and encourage residents to report problems	Yes				Additional dropped kerbs installed during 2007 in Church Street.
Continue to work with police on known trouble spots	Yes				Meetings regularly take place with the Police.

Actions and proposals that relate to wider strategic issues

Action/proposal	Completed	Removed	Still to be done	In Progress	Comments
Work with others to address flood risk problems as a matter of urgency				Yes	See above.
Encourage the use of energy saving initiatives on new builds				Yes	This is beginning to appear on planning permissions but there is still along way to go.
Low cost housing, starter homes and retirement accommodation				Yes	One site owned by Braintree District Council has been identified for low cost housing at Oxford Meadow, Sible Hedingham. The Parish Council is pressing for progress to be made. Retirement accommodation on the former Tanners Dairy site has been seriously considered. In connection with large developments the Parish Council do ask for an appropriate proportion of low cost housing.