

6 ACTION PLAN 2023-2028.

Our priorities for the coming 5 years are as follows:

TACKLING THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE

Problem: Too much traffic comes through the village, there are too many HGVs clogging up our roads, too many vehicles speed, and it is unpleasant to walk or cycle around the village.

What Have we Done?

- Introduced automatic speed limitation signs at the 4 entrances to the village.
- Applied to introduce a 20mph speed limit across the village.
- Campaigned for restrictions on the number of HGVs passing through the village.

What Do We Propose?

- Using the £150,000 allocated to MS for traffic mitigation.
- Clearing and widening pavements to make them easier to use.
- New Pedestrian Crossing at Traffic Lights.
- Road improvements at entrances to village.
- Continuing to campaign for restrictions on HGVs.

IMPROVING VILLAGE LIFE

Problem: many of our key facilities like the Village Hall, All Saints' Church and the Playground need new investment. We want to make the village a greener and more welcoming place, and we want more community events bringing the village together.

What have we Done?

- Installed Wi-Fi, screen and projector in Village Hall.
- Bought new furniture and fitments for Village Hall.
- Planted 1,200 daffodils across village.
- Installed planters, tables and benches around village.
- Repaired playground, and organised regular village clean-ups.
- Organised new social events including soup lunches, a quiz, and flower arranging session.

What do we Propose?

- Seek funding to replace children's playground.
- Seek funding to install disabled toilet in Village Hall.
- Seek volunteers to run movie nights.
- Double the verge grass cutting from 2x to 4x a year.
- Work to create a Blossom Wheel of public paths across village.
- Create a Public Right of Way to All Saints' Church, and increase times of access from Oxford Road.
- Improve All Saints' Church with new toilets and refreshment facilities.

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING

Problem: Over the last ten years Middleton Stoney has suffered from uncontrolled development to north, south, east and west of village with the local authorities failing to give sufficient attention to the traffic and other implications on villagers' quality of life.

What Have we Done?

- Opposed plans for a Strategic Rail Interchange at Ardley.
- Opposed plans by Smiths to extend quarry operations north of village, and pressed for a ban on HGVs coming through village if it goes ahead.
- Worked with neighbouring Parishes to update the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan as a framework for new development.

What do we Propose?

- In the next five years, the Parish Council will continue to challenge proposed development in the interests of villagers.
- We will also seek funding from developers to mitigate impact of development elsewhere on our community.
- We will campaign that Cherwell District Council's new 2040 Plan preserves Middleton Stoney as a village where new build is limited.