

## **July/August 2009. The final report of the PPAC to Barton St David Parish Council**

The condensed version of the Parish Plan has been delivered to all homes and the full version appears on the Village website. The Plan has been well-received and should be endorsed at the next Area East Committee meeting of South Somerset District Council.

A further grant of £175 has been awarded by SSDC and the Parish Council has covered further printing costs of £140. However, an application for this £140 will be accepted for consideration by the County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Any further costs are likely to relate either to the distribution of the Plan or to putting the Aims and Actions into effect.

The PPAC has completed the task of producing the Plan. Aims and Actions are in place and some of these issues are due to be reported on in September. Councillor Simon Jackson agreed to work with other Parish Councillors and former PPAC members to identify tasks that are already underway. They will also prioritise the issues, suggest who might be responsible for carrying them out and propose a timetable for reporting to the Parish Council. Reports are likely to be made each month on different issues.

The PPAC has disbanded and members thank the Parish Council and villagers for all the help and interest that has been shown during the last two years. As a result of meetings held with Simon in July, the following suggestions are now put forward to the PC –

1. The PPAC budget ceases to exist as a separate part of the PC bank account.
2. 'Parish Plan Aims and Actions' appear as an item at an early stage of every PC agenda.
3. Other village organisations, particularly the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee, are requested to put the Plan Aims and Actions on every agenda.
4. Aims and Actions will therefore appear regularly in the minutes of such organisations making it unnecessary to have a separate Parish Plan Committee.
5. 'Prime movers' to be identified in relation to each of the Aims and Actions. [People may be members of the village committees or may be other volunteers.]
6. A timetable to be established so that the prime movers report, either in person or via a brief written report, to the PC in line with the dates already identified in the Plan.
7. Co-opt volunteers to assist with the Aims and Actions where necessary. Produce guidelines for the volunteers in order to ensure consistency of approach.
8. Hold an event to encourage, inform and welcome volunteers.

Our Plan contains evidence-based information which can be used in the consideration of planning applications. Parishes that have already completed their Plans need regularly to review them to ensure that the most up to date evidence available is reflected. This continuing development will be demonstrated through the regular reports given to the Parish Council. Attendance at Area East Community Forum Meetings and at Core Strategy Consultation Meetings will ensure that SSDC recognises the active engagement of Barton St David Parish Council with the emerging Local Development Framework.

Janet Powell. 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009

