

ULCEBY PARISH PLAN

2012



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1. INTRODUCTION



ULCEBY 2011

Ulceby, including Ulceby Skitter, is a sustainable village with many services, situated on the eastern side of North Lincolnshire, 13 miles from Grimsby, 15 miles from Scunthorpe and 8 miles from both Barton on Humber and Brigg, towns which are the nearest main shopping centres. The current population is approximately 1700.

The road running through the centre of the village is the A1077 which is subject to both 30mph and 40mph speed limits within the village boundary. When the A180 is closed, this is the main diversion route for all traffic, including a large number of heavy good vehicles going to and from the Immingham Docks, the oil refineries and the Humber Bank factories.

The Humberside Airport is only 3 miles away (as the crow flies) and Ulceby is on the main flight path.

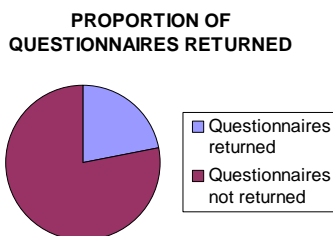
The main features of the village are:

- The Primary School
- Pre-School
- Village Co-op Shop
- The Post Office
- A new Health Centre
- The Village Hall with play equipment
- Village Playing Field with two football pitches and a cricket pitch.
- St Nicholas Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Chapel
- 1 pub (The Fox), within the parish boundary and one (The Yarborough Arms), immediately outside
- Chippie / Chinese Take Away
- Veterinary Practice
- Hairdressing Salon
- A Train Station one mile from the centre of the village
- A number of other small businesses operating in the village

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Abbreviations:

UPC – Ulceby Parish Council,
NLC – North Lincolnshire Council,
UVA – Ulceby Village Association,
URC – Ulceby Regeneration Committee,
NLPCT – North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust.
NLRCT - North Lincolnshire Rural Community Transport



1. INTRODUCTION (Continued)

Among the village facilities that have been lost recently include:

- The Brocklesby Ox Pub
- The Methodist Chapel

1.1 Why do we need a Parish Plan?

The Parish Plan is the vehicle that allows residents to put forward their views and concerns as to how they want their village to develop. Upon completion, it will be sent to the Parish Council together with a copy to Martin Vickers, the local MP, North Lincolnshire Council, Humberside Police Force, Humberside Police Authority, the local Primary Care Trust, other health providers and the Co-op. It will highlight residents' issues and define the local needs that the village community requires over the next five years.

This Parish Plan has been commissioned to follow the original plan that was compiled in 2003. Since that time there have been many changes within the village, both beneficial and detrimental, but change and progress are part of every day lives and the purpose of this second plan is to allow the residents of Ulceby to plan and shape the socio-economic and environmental issues of the community in a manner that benefits everyone.

This Parish Plan is a summary of the main issues that concern the people of the Parish

Of course change cannot happen overnight, if indeed change is what residents want. However whether your vision is to go forward or maintain the status quo you will need to get involved or things will happen as a result of outside influences which could be detrimental to the village as we know it.

1.2 How did we prepare the plan?

In July 2002 the Ulceby Regeneration Group was formed, made up of residents in the village who had a keen interest in both preserving and developing the village in a manner that recognises local needs. This group was responsible for preparing the first Parish Plan in 2003 and some of the original members of that group together with new faces have reformed to prepare this plan in a similar manner.

In order to prepare the plan, the same format was adopted in that the committee prepared a questionnaire, (Appendix A), canvassing the views of the residents on the way that they want the community to develop in the coming years. This questionnaire was circulated to every house in the village and of the 750 that were sent out, we are pleased to report that it was favourably received with 164 replies being returned.

The replies and comments that the residents proffered were collated into categories, giving a pictorial profile of both the village and the

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“Fantastic school”



***“Lived here all my life,
so must like it – the
people are nice.”***



concerns of the residents. (Appendix B).

In addition, independent researchers carried out “Participatory Appraisals” to meet residents to canvas their views on a wide variety of topics that affect the village community. These appraisals were undertaken to embrace a wide range of villagers of all ages. This exercise allowed a cross section of the community a chance to speak about Ulceby and how they would like it to develop over the coming years. The results of this appraisal are published as Investigating Ulceby 2011 (Appendix C).

The results of the survey were displayed at a public meeting in the Village Hall on 16th July which was well attended and the public were invited to add comments on a board, all of which were positive and have been taken into account in formulating this Parish Plan. Whilst the time given by the committee was voluntary, money was available from grant funding to carry out the survey and evaluate, prepare and print the results. Depending on the contents of the Parish Plan how it presents our concerns and aspirations, additional funding might be available to turn ideas into facts and to develop the village in the manner that benefits the community.

1.3 What do we hope to achieve?

This Parish Plan will provide a mechanism to make the service providers aware of the concerns of the populace, focusing and influencing their decisions, giving regard to the community priorities and local needs. In short it’s a vision for the future.

The Plan focuses on the key issues and what the residents of Ulceby can do to help resolve them. There are plenty of simple, sensible things that everyone can do that can make a surprising difference in the short and long term.

The questionnaire highlighted some useful information that enabled us to establish a profile on a variety of concerns that affect us all, the main points being Policing, Environment, Housing, Transport and Facilities and these are addressed in more detail below. An important aspect of the Plan is to increase both public and governmental awareness to the concerns and needs of village life, particularly in these times of austerity and government cut backs.

The responsibility for progressing the plan to the next stage and beyond will rest with the Parish Council. This will involve promoting the needs of the village, accessing funds and undertaking tasks that will have a chance of fruition and benefit the village as a whole.

It doesn’t stop there though. The Plan can be developed on an ongoing basis but it needs **YOUR** help and support to make things happen, so please take time to read this.

2. TRANSPORT AND EMPLOYMENT

“Had begun to use the bus to work, but Stagecoach cut the service”

“No transport times are available for people who work shifts/ unsociable hours”

“Why are there 50+ buses per day to Killingholme from Grimsby, but only 10 to Ulceby?”

“Why can’t the Barton-Ulceby service be extended to Killingholme or Immingham to connect with service to Grimsby?”

“Why can’t the Ulceby-Barton service start picking up at Skitter, as it stops for a break on Station Road, and drives up there anyway?”



The relevant policies and texts that support this section of the plan are North Lincolnshire Council’s Local Transport Plan and Bus Strategy and the Strategy for Rural Transport and Public Transport survey of the Eastern parishes of North Lincolnshire produced by the Rural Transport Service.

2.1 Current Situation

2.1.1 Car Usage

From the results of the survey it will come as no surprise that the car is by far the most popular method of transport used by members of the community for access to work, leisure and shopping with 66% of villagers opting for the car as opposed to 34% using alternative methods of transport.

2.1.2 Public transport

Ulceby is currently served by the bus service 250 Grimsby to Barton, which then changes to service 450 Barton to Brigg. Tesco provide three free buses per week to Brigg (at time of print) from 9:30 am returning approximately 12:30 pm.

2.1.3 Rail services

Trains operate as a 9 train service between Barton and Grimsby. This service passes through Habrough which will link to the main Trans-Pennine service.

2.1.4 Other transport

Ulceby is also served by North Lincolnshire Rural Community Transport which provides a pre-booked minibus service and car service for those with mobility problems. The minibuses are also available for hire to community and “not for profit” organisations registered with NLRCT.

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2. TRANSPORT AND EMPLOYMENT (Continued)

“Promote any local employment opportunities for young people”



“Public transport shocking – long walk down to train station; no trains on Sundays; can’t get to work on bus; kids trapped, especially on a Sunday”

“Can get 9.30 bus to Killingholme for doctor’s appointment, but can’t get back until 1.15—what can you do in Killingholme for 3 hours?”

School transport is provided by North Lincolnshire Council for year 7 and upwards pupils attending Baysgarth Secondary School which is the designated destination for Ulceby pupils. Parents choosing alternative primary/secondary schools need to make their own travel arrangements for children’s travel. Buses transport children to Brigg, Immingham and Caistor at the parents own cost. School transport is provided by North Lincolnshire Council for year 7 and upwards pupils attending Baysgarth Secondary School which is the designated destination for Ulceby pupils. Parents choosing alternative primary/secondary schools need to make their own travel arrangements for children’s travel. Buses transport children to Brigg, Immingham and Caistor at the parents own cost.

2.1.5 Employment

The choice of employment within the village is severely limited as there are no major businesses located in Ulceby and the majority of residents have to travel to find employment. The main options are farm work, local shops or working from home. Ulceby does have a small business centre, Yarborough Court, but this does not substantially contribute to the job market.

2.2 Results of the Survey

From the information provided 26% of respondents work in Grimsby, 23% in Immingham 12% in Scunthorpe with the remainder travelling to a variety of locations. Of those who responded 90% would use their own transport to travel to work. This situation would be unlikely to change given the public transport now available.

The vast majority of those who responded to the questionnaire (43%) did the main household shopping in Grimsby and Cleethorpes. Barton followed in popularity with 34% shopping there. Brigg, Scunthorpe and Immingham were the least popular with only 8% using the shops there. Surprisingly 15% of respondents did their main shopping in Ulceby.

Unsurprisingly the majority of residents used their own transport to get to work (82%) with a similar number to get the family shopping. When asked about leisure activities 64% would use their own transport with the remainder using public transport, walking or cycling.

When asked about alternative transport solutions 52 people said they would use a shuttle service to a main bus route or train station.

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2. TRANSPORT AND EMPLOYMENT (Continued)

“A mini-bus service to connect with train times for people who live at top end of village”

“A shuttle service to Killingholme”

“I much prefer my own transport and the flexibility it offers to myself and family”

“Public transport needs to be better – no services link together”

2.3 What would improve the take up of public transport services

When asked if they would use public services more often the response was if the buses ran more in the morning 30%, lower cost 53% and late evening 17%. A teenager commented that a bus that goes all over so we can meet friends and an adult mentioned that a shuttle bus would be better. It was also commented that more frequent service in the morning and evening with earlier starts/finishes would allow people to travel to and from work.

An additional comment was “Why were there 50 buses to Killingholme a day and only 10 to Ulceby?” Another comment was for a bus route to Scunthorpe via Brigg to connect with train times.

When asked about alternative transport solutions 52 people said they would use a shuttle service to a main bus route or train station.

2.4 Overall Summary

The family car is the most popular method of transport for work, leisure and shopping, many residents reporting they were disappointed in the public transport available to villagers.

2.5 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Improve transport provision for the village	Undertake feasibility study to assess justification	UPC + other parishes on routes Various partners as established by feasibility study	Dec 2012
	Investigate car-sharing initiatives	UPC	Summer 2012 Reviewed annually
Support employment issues	Encourage people to use local services	UPC	Ongoing
	Examine feasibility of holding an employment fair to support youth and unemployed in the village	UPC + various employers NLC	Dec 2012

3. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

“Don’t like traffic being diverted through the village when the M180 is shut”

“Strict enforcement of ‘no parking’ on double yellow lines outside the shop by daily traffic warden patrol”



“Vehicles still travelling too fast through the village—use other traffic calming measures”

“Educate idiots who insist on using the crossroads as a u-turn point”



We asked if there were any particular road safety measures that would improve road safety. Residents voiced concerns over the speed of the traffic through the village. Among the remedies for this problem were to install flashing matrix signs, install speed bumps or road narrowing, permanent speed cameras and a 20mph speed limit from the Gillingham Rest to the old Brocklesby Ox pub.

Parking was another issue, with the emphasis on the parking outside the village shop. The majority comment on solving this problem was strict enforcement of the double yellow lines by traffic wardens. Other people suggested extend double yellow lines outside the shop, erect a mirror on the War Memorial to allow traffic exiting Abbey road to see past parked cars and install security cameras outside the shop and vigorously pursue illegal parkers. Some requested provision for more parking.

Concerns were also raised about large commercial vehicles coming through the village with a 7.5 tonne limit being suggested. In addition it was suggested that the bus stop be moved to the Brocklesby Ox, erect traffic lights or zebra crossing at the crossroads and reduce the delays at the level crossing at Ulceby Skitter.

Overall, heavy traffic, speeding and parking were the major concerns.

3.1 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Traffic calming	Flashing speeding signs	NLC, Police, Parish council	Summer 2012
	Road markings (30 roundels and rumble strips)	NLC, Police, Parish council	Summer 2012
	Explore potential for 20 mph section around crossroads		April 2012
	Engage deputy lollypop person to cover sickness and absence	NLC	April 2012
Improve parking	Enforce parking restrictions on double yellow lines	NLC	Ongoing

4. ENVIRONMENT

*“Regular cleaning/
collection of discarded
rubbish”*

*“Congratulations on
flowers displays”*

*“Resurface A180 to
make it quieter”*

*“Overgrown hedges
and trees to be cut back
from residents’ gardens
and public pathways—
very hard if pushing a
pushchair or
wheelchair”*



The appearance and attractiveness of Ulceby is clearly important to its residents. The Parish Council continues to enter the village in the annual Best Kept Village competition and is often rewarded. Flower displays around the village are very popular (ranked 4th in the survey) and make a major contribution to the appearance of Ulceby, particularly during the summer months.

The Village Hall Association have also realised their goal to drain and re-lay the playing field which provides an important recreational area and also includes a pond and wildlife area.

Residents also take care of the built environment and there have been some notable refurbishment projects, particularly in the village centre, since the previous survey. Commercial premises are also well maintained which tends to indicate a thriving community - the businesses appear well patronised which allows investment in the fabric which then encourages further business.

The survey shows that the people of Ulceby are interested in environmental issues in varying degrees as follows:

4.1 Green Spaces & Natural Environment

Protection of existing green spaces is the main environmental priority in Ulceby followed by protection or creation of wildlife habitats and preservation or planting of hedgerows. Apart from the village playing field, there are only small areas of public green space around Ulceby. People commented that it would be a good idea to create more open spaces and wildlife habitats rather than build houses although this would be difficult to achieve on privately-owned land. There were also comments regarding untrimmed hedges causing difficulty for pedestrians & wheelchairs. Difficulties with maintaining large trees, presumably protected, were also mentioned.

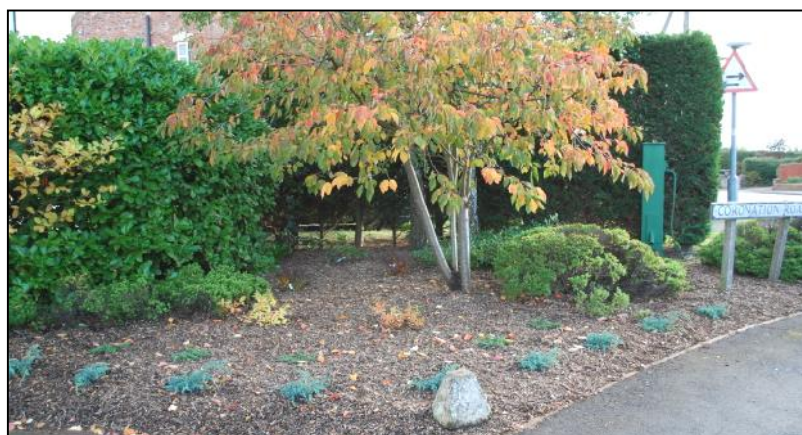
4.2 Noise

Noise from the A180 was mentioned with a suggestion to resurface [the eastbound lane] to make it quieter.

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4. ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

“More dog bins throughout the village”



4.3 Refuse Disposal & Litter

Litter was identified as a problem in several completed surveys. People who completed the survey think we need more litter bins throughout the village, particularly outside the Co-Op and at the bus stop. Some also think we need more dog bins. Litter and dog fouling were identified as major issues during the interviews too.

The research sessions produced a wide range of responses on refuse collection, with some not wanting to recycle, and some wanting larger bins. However, the interviews produced no great outcry, so the person who said “Council’s got it right” may well speak for a majority. This research also identified a problem with residents new to Ulceby not being aware of how the waste collection service works.

4.4 General

There was general concern about the appearance of several vacant sites around the village including the Brocklesby Ox, the old school site, the former health centre site and the land opposite Nelthorpe Close.

The interviews also revealed problems with pavements: uneven surfaces, undergrowth & overhanging hedges.

There was strong support for some allotments in Ulceby. North Lincolnshire Council have already been contacted a number of times about this, but so far with no response.

4.5 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Preserve and enhance the rural character of Ulceby	Planning specifications – discourage removal of existing, and encourage replacement of, any wildlife habitats, trees and hedgerows.	UPC, NLC	Ongoing
	Continue floral displays	UPC	Annually
Promote NLC refuse collection and recycling	Promote in Link newsletter	UPC	6-monthly
Womble Action Group	Investigate organised litter-picking	UPC, Lifestyle groups	October 2012
Provision of allotments	Investigate feasibility of provision of allotments	UPC, NLC	Summer 2012

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

“Doctors should come here again – don’t turn up any more”

“Can’t get to doctors due to poor bus service”

“Need parking at Barton near to surgery”



5.1 Carers

Our survey shows that there are 29 disabled persons in the village, among the 164 respondents to the questionnaire, and 13 people need the services of a Carer. In one instance, a child acts as a Carer whilst the absent parent is at work.

5.2 Health Services

5.2.1 Current Situation

The village has a new purpose-built surgery in the school grounds, which was built following the findings of the last Parish Plan, when the need to replace the old, dilapidated health centre was identified. Sadly this is under-used by the doctors serving the village, causing difficulty to patients who have to travel to see them, despite the lack of public transport to their surgeries.

Although health did not appear to be an issue during the research carried out on our behalf by VANL, the consensus of opinion showed that the establishment of a Pharmacy in Ulceby would be most beneficial to help to avoid delays in receiving prescriptions currently sent out to the village from the local doctor’s surgeries, with 18% of people surveyed complaining about problems in this area. The most problematic surgery was the one in Barton, followed closely by those in Killingholme and Immingham.

5.2.2 Surgery registrations

The registration of patients at the various surgeries showed that 39% were registered in Barton, 21% at Barnetby, 27% at Immingham, 12% at Killingholme and 1% at Grimsby.

Of those registered with the Barton Central Surgery, 14% had difficulties with collecting prescriptions, 35% expressed problems with obtaining appointments, and 12% expressed difficulties with the surgery times in the village.

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5. HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES (Continued)

“No public transport to Barnetby”

The responses from those registered with Immingham doctors were: difficulties with collecting prescriptions (9%), problems with obtaining appointments (22%), and difficulties with the surgery times in the village (9%).

Of those registered at Barnetby, none had difficulties with collecting prescriptions, only 3% expressed problems with obtaining appointments, but 9% expressed difficulties with the surgery times in the village (probably referring to the fact that no such surgery is provided).

Of those registered with the Killingholme doctor, the only problem seemed to be in collecting prescriptions (30%).

5.2.3 Accessibility

Because of the lack of a suitable bus service, residents found difficulty visiting their local doctor’s surgery, irrespective of its locality. Additionally, those who were able to access transport found difficulty parking in Barton. Residents felt that the local doctors should be encouraged to make more use of the village’s purpose-built surgery and that the Barton group of doctors should be requested to reinstate their twice weekly visits here.

5.3 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Reinstate twice weekly Visits by Barton Doctors	Write to Barton Practice	UPC PCT	April 2012
Attempt to encourage Doctors from Barnetby, Killingholme and Immingham to use the Village surgery	Write to each Doctor’s Practice suggesting a visit to Ulceby to view the facilities at the Surgery here	UPC	April 2012
Improve village’s accessibility to health services	Work with relevant health practitioners (e.g. chiropodist, baby clinic, asthma clinic) to promote the use of the facilities of the Ulceby surgery	UPC	April 2013

6. HOUSING

“House too small, but too expensive to move”

“Housing market stagnant with too many already for sale”



6.1 Population

There are approximately 750 dwellings in the parish of Ulceby; this is an increase of 12% since the last Parish Plan was produced in 2001. The population of the parish is currently approximately 1700, giving an average household occupancy rate of 2.27 persons, slightly under the national occupancy rate of 2.36 persons.

Of the survey respondents, the majority (73%) have lived in the parish for over 10 years with only (1%) being resident for less than one year. This indicates that the Parish has a stable population with a low turnover of housing. The main reasons given by those who would like to move but are unable to do so were lack of housing (5%) and too expensive (45%). The majority of survey respondents live in houses (89%) which are owner occupied; the remainder live in either private or socially rented accommodation.

6.2 Properties

The survey indicated that the majority of respondents wished to see more starter homes (28%) and sheltered accommodation for elderly people (27%). This was followed by family homes (18%) rent or part own housing (12%). Flats (7%) and executive housing (6%) were not seen as such an important housing need. The present net estimate of affordable housing need in the parish is 7 dwellings per annum¹; the survey does to a degree correlate with this figure in that cost is cited as a reason people can not move and starter homes and rented accommodation are seen as an important housing need in the parish.

The majority of survey respondents agreed with the rural designation of the parish by North Lincolnshire Council (90%) and felt that brownfield development (25%) on smaller sites (18%) was an appropriate way for the village to grow, closely followed by infill development (15%). There was not really a consensus from survey respondents about a direction of growth outside the settlement boundaries. It would appear from the consultation that some development is needed, but no specific area was identified.

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¹North Lincolnshire Investment Plan Evidence Base November 2009

6. HOUSING (Continued)

“No more development until drainage problems are rectified”



6.3 Residents' Concerns

There were a number of concerns raised about future development. The main concerns were the capacity of the drainage system to cope with more development, given the floods over the last few years. This view of respondents is backed up by Anglian Water who has confirmed that the drainage system at present is inadequate.

Another concern is the loss of the sheltered accommodation at The Cloisters and the loss of the Brocklesby Ox public house. Both of these sites are in private ownership and therefore it is not possible to control their continued use as sheltered accommodation and a public house. However, any future use would require a planning application and the Parish Council would have an opportunity at that time to present to North Lincolnshire Council the views of the Parish.

Finally, there was concern that new development is not planned properly with the wrong type of housing built in the wrong place. This is picking up a concern raised in the previous Parish Plan around poorly designed housing, which is out of character with the settlement.

6.4 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
To ensure that future housing reflects the village character and supports the diversity of the population	Work with the relevant drainage partners to improve the drainage of the village	UPC, NLC, Anglian Water, N.E. Lindsey Drainage Board	Ongoing
	Promote sustainable underground drainage for all future housing development.	UPC, NLC	Ongoing
	Prepare a village design statement	UPC, NLC	July 2014
	Work with the owners of The Cloisters to ensure any replacement or development of the site reflects the need for affordable housing.	UPC, NLH	As appropriate
	Ensure that starter/rented housing is an issue raised with developers building housing in the village	UPC, NLC	Ongoing

7. POLICING, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

“Increased police presence/foot patrols”

“Publication of the cost of vandalism may get parents to educate their children to be better citizens”

“To drive forward community pride amongst citizens”

“People don’t pick up after their dogs – awful if you’ve got a pushchair”



7.1 Policing

When residents were asked how they considered the service provided by the police, 40% considered the service poor, 34% barely adequate, and 23% satisfactory, with only 3% either good or excellent. However the comments show that the residents are far from satisfied with the lack of visible policing.

7.2 Anti-Social Behaviour

Despite there being signs around the village warning of fines for dog fouling of footpaths, this and litter discarded in the street, were by far the most concern to residents with 21% of those questioned listing these two as being the main concern.

Vandalism came next on the list with 17% of residents concerned. Street drinking at 11% seemed to be fairly low on the list followed by noise at 9%, theft, and drug abuse and wildlife crime at 7% each.

There were several complaints about North Lincolnshire Homes.

7.3 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
To create a safe village environment	Work with police through NATS meetings. Publish crime rate in Link newsletter	UPC, NATS, Police	Ongoing
Greater visibility of police	Encourage police passing through the village to drop in on organised events	UPC, Police	Quarterly
Reduce dog fouling	Work with council enforcement team. Look at siting of bins and purchase more if necessary Promote the anti-social nature of dog fouling.	UPC, NLC	Ongoing

8. SPORTS AND LEISURE

“Better sports and social activities”

“I think we are fortunate to have so much on offer already”

“Would like an improvement in the broadband connection”



8.1 Introduction:

Ulceby is well served by a range of voluntary and community groups providing a real choice of social and sporting activity, much of it made possible by the excellent facilities at the Village Hall and associated play area, playing fields, pond and wildlife area. The facilities have been much improved since the last Parish Plan, including the reinstatement of the Playing Fields for organised sport and the establishment of a Community Café; which also provides access to computers and the internet.

In addition a Youth Café was established, which then went on to provide Street Sports, initially supported by North Lincolnshire Council's Community Recreation Team. However, the Youth Café has sadly closed due to lack of volunteers, but thanks to North Lincolnshire Council, the Street Sport has recommenced on a regular basis.

Some of the choices made possible by the Village Hall facilities include:

The above mentioned Community Café which offers a hot meal or light lunch for attendees, who can further benefit fitness activity, blood pressure checks and advice, shopping or leisure trips. Other activities taking place in the Hall are fitness classes, indoor bowls, Bingo, Friendship Club and History Group.

Improvements to the Playing field (identified as a need in last Parish Plan), have allowed for the re-introduction of Football Clubs, catering for children and adults.

There are also 2 churches in the village and an Out of School Club, now run by the Pre-School, and the mobile library regularly visits various locations around the village.

8.2 Key issues for the village:

The Brocklesby Ox pub's services are missed and the building is widely perceived as an eyesore. People suggested that the pub

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8. SPORTS AND LEISURE (Continued)

“More activities and facilities for young people and children”

“If people don’t get involved in things, they shouldn’t complain about them”



could be re-instated to provide a family restaurant, a social club, a community pub run by the village, or as a social enterprise feeding profits back into the community.

8.2.1 Children and young people:

Teenagers reported that the village is ‘boring’ with ‘nothing to do’. There were other reports that teenagers left rubbish, and that there are incidents of drunken behaviour.

There were widespread calls for more, updated and age specific play equipment which offers activity for the very young right through to teenagers in designated areas e.g. Youth shelter/meeting place for young people.

It was felt that the play area is unsafe as it is only fenced on 3 sides and the gates are easily opened by young children.

8.3 So what is needed?

Research participants reported that social and leisure opportunities would be improved by:

A local cricket team, some kind of bike/skateboard facility, tennis court, a Multi Use Games Area, fishing, basketball, jogging, cycling club, camping, help for young people to set up a business and children’s sporting activities. There was also interest in horses and facilities where they could be ridden safely, more social events especially in the winter, a farmer’s market at the village hall, a fair, a sports day, dances, cinema club, classes including ceramics, whist/domino drives, library at village hall, Karate/Kung Fu for children, car boot/table sales, local allotments, walking group, community days, theatre, music, dance and somewhere to meet socially such as a café or tea room.

Activities requested that are currently available included:

Bowling (indoor only), Zumba and computers/internet for older people.

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8. SPORTS AND LEISURE (Continued)

“Outdoor facilities for older children not wanting to use the football pitches”

“People letting dogs foul on playing field – need a dog bin”



8.4 Constraining factors:

Ulceby is a small community with a high dependence on volunteers to develop and deliver social and leisure activities, largely because it is not economically viable or sustainable for private or public sector providers to deliver this activity.

Attracting funding to develop new activities is also difficult in the current economic conditions.

In addition, there is a high dependence on the Village Hall to host such activities, which results in limited space for further developments. This is further complicated by the closure of the Methodist Chapel/Community Hall.

8.5 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
To improve access to leisure facilities for everyone	To support the development of a broader range of social and leisure activities where possible.	UVA, Volunteers, UPC Link.	February 2012, then annually
	To assess feasibility and sustainability of creating/ supporting the development of social businesses e.g. Tea Rooms/Family restaurant/ Community Pub.	UPC	2014
	To maintain the safety of the Playground, including fencing and access gates.	UVA ROSPA	Weekly and annually
To improve facilities for children and young people	To improve the Playground to provide a range of age specific play/social activities	UVA, UPC, potential funders.	Ongoing
	To re-investigate the potential to develop a Teen Shelter	UVA/UPC	July 2012
	To reinstate Youth Club/Cafe.	UPC Link, volunteers	Dec 2012

9. COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP



Of those who responded to this question, 81% of residents would support a Community Support Group, and several villagers supplied their details with a wish to be included in the scheme. Whilst the Parish Council established an Emergency Plan for the Village (which is updated regularly) following the floods of 2007, North Lincs Council are currently establishing a village snow clearing scheme which includes a series of steps to ensure that pavements remain usable, unlike the winter of 2010/2011, and this scheme should be implemented prior to the winter of 2011/2012.

9.1 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Encourage community spirit	Prepare a list of volunteers for snow clearing	UPC	Annually September
	Draw up schedule of salt and equipment available and advise volunteers of location	UPC	Annually September



10. RETAIL

“Chinese good. Shop very, very good, and P.O. And there’s a cash point ”



“During the snow people who didn’t normally use the shop bought lots of essentials, leaving people who rely on it without—could the Co-op put any measures in place to give priority to regular customers?”



The existing retail facilities in the village are the shop, the post office, the Chinese takeaway, hairdressers, vets and the Fox Inn.

10.1 Village Shop

The Co-op currently runs the shop in the village, and people were asked how frequently they used it. Of the 150 people who responded to this question, 102 use it regularly, 47 use it occasionally, and only one household never uses it. When asked to comment on various aspects of the shop, the majority classed the cost of goods as satisfactory (54%), felt the choice of goods were satisfactory or good (82%), the choice of fresh produce satisfactory or good (79%), and the opening times good to excellent (83%).

10.2 Post Office

This is also run by the Co-op, and 98% of the respondents to the questionnaire said they support it. The number of times they use it varies, but 77% use it once or twice a week.

The cash machine is popular, being used by 56% of respondents, the majority if those using it on a weekly basis.

10.3 Additional Services

Although some people asked for more shops, and a wider range of goods (such as clothes), it was not generally felt that these would be used enough for them to be sustainable.

10.4 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
To see continuation of the good service we receive at the shop and Post Office.	Pass on the results to the Co-op	Co-op	Immediate
Support retail opportunities	Support any such future planning applications	UPC	Ongoing

11. OTHER SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS

These are some of the points made which do not fit under any other heading

11.1 Ulceby Parish Council

Several people said that they do not know who their Parish Councillors are. The survey tended to support this with 81 respondents knowing their Parish Councillors but 70 did not. However, it was encouraging that 98 people who completed the survey knew what the Parish Council does against 40 who did not, and 86 people (almost 60%) considered themselves well informed about village activities. 87 people (64%) knew of the Ulceby website but less than half actually used it.

One man interviewed thought that the Parish Council “doesn’t have the authority or funding to make changes”. Another recognised that Ulceby Parish Council is very active in supporting the village and its citizens.

One person consulted was concerned at lack of feedback from Anglian Water (via the Parish Council) following 2007 floods.

The Parish Precept was mentioned during one session. One person objected to a donation to non-local charity and suggested that the precept should be managed and reduced. It was also suggested Parish magazine be available/sent via e-mail.

One person asked for better notification of parish meetings.

11.2 North Lincolnshire Council

Of 143 completed surveys, only 40 people know their North Lincolnshire Councillors and 80 out of 136 don’t know what they do.

One expressed concern at apparent lack of road clearing during past two winters.

One was annoyed by lack of explanation to why Stephen Close isn’t adopted.

11.3 Village Involvement

Some said they “just go to work and come home again”.

11.4 Member of Parliament

One person suggested that “visibility from MP would be nice”.

11.5 Key Recommendations

VISION	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME
Raise profile of Parish Council and Ulceby as a village	Promote in Link newsletter	UPC	Ongoing
Promote recommendations of Parish Plan	Review Parish Plan annually	UPC	Annually
	Steering committee to provide diary of key review dates	Steering group, UPC	Immediate

11. OTHER SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS (Continued)

MORE SUGGESTIONS RELATING TO ALL TOPICS CAN BE FOUND IN APPENDIX B - RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND APPENDIX C - INVESTIGATING ULCEBY, THE PARTICIPATORY APPRAISAL RESULTS.

12. CONCLUSION - THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

This Parish Plan is a continuation of the original plan of 2003 and represents the views and concerns of a broad section of the population of Ulceby, including all social groups.

In the same way as the previous plan, it is essential that that the Plan is used, endorsed and supported by the Parish Council, to full effect, to bring about change for the benefit of all residents. The previous plan of 2003 was instrumental in bringing about some beneficial changes and benefits to the village and it is hoped that with ongoing support of the community this plan will achieve similar success.

This Parish Plan clearly identifies that, the village has generally mourned the loss of green spaces, trees and hedgerows and feels very strongly that remaining green spaces, trees and wild life need to be preserved, whilst recognising the need to continue housing development on a small, sensitive scale. Residents feel strongly that there needs to be more variety of housing in new build, to include older people's accommodation, family accommodation, social housing and starter homes, thereby sustaining the necessary social mix to ensure a healthy vibrant community.

The Parish Council will adopt this Parish Plan as its key document. The action plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis with progress against the actions being circulated to the residents of the village.

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