**WORTHEN WITH SHELVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Worthen with Shelve Parish Council aims to**:

• Always strive to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the community and be a strong voice for residents and local businesses.

• Provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development

**The Parish Council’s objectives are**:

• To support local businesses and economic activity in the parish and to ensure that economic development of the Parish is sympathetic to its environment.

• To support the work of parish voluntary organisations through grants and practical support

• To work with the Local Authority and the Police to improve road safety in the parish

• To understand, communicate and support the views, needs and aspirations of residents and businesses

• To increase public involvement in the community by ensuring the parish council is open, transparent and accountable to residents

• Ensure that councillors, staff and volunteers have access to high quality training and development opportunities so that they can meet the required standards including

working towards the Local Council Award.

**This action plan was informed by the**:

• 2014 Parish Plan

• The Place Plan

• Community representation at meetings

• Community engagement on Social Media This action plan is a ‘live’ document and is updated on a regular basis, enabling the council to track and monitor progress against

objectives and timescales. The document will be published on the Parish Council website so that residents can monitor progress

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| **OBJECTIVE** | **ACTIONS** | **TIMESCALE** | **BUDGET REQUIRED** | **RESOURCES** |
| **COMMUNITY SERVICE** | | | | |
| To improve communication between the parish council and residents and businesses to ensure that council activities reflect community need/desires | Website - Ensure that the website is kept up to date and contains information for the Transparency Code requirements  Social Media - Ensure Facebook is kept up to date and more residents are invited to join the Page. Advertise in Community Hubs.  Local Newsletters - (3 local newsletters) Articles are produced by Annually  Meet the council - meetings with councillors in local village halls. | Ongoing | Precept | Clerk |
| To continue to engage with stakeholders | Complete consultations on Countywide issues. | Ongoing | Not Required | Clerk |
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| **LEISURE AND COMMUNITY** | | | | |
| To promote the Parish Council Grant Scheme to obtain wider interest and encourage more applications | Promote the Parish Council Grant on the Parish Council Website.  Communicate to the three Village Hall Committees. Committee members are representatives of hall users and community groups. | January 2022 | Precept | Clerk  Councillors representing the Council at Village Hall meetings. |
| Upgrade Snailbeach Public Toilets to be carbon Neutral  Maintain Public Toilets to a high standard | Access current energy rating and obtain quotes to install solar panels and use climate friendly supplies.  Carry out visual inspections and communicate with cleaning contractor | Upgrade 2022 - 2023  Maintenance is ongoing/reactive | Reserves and operating capital | Clerk  Climate Change Working Group  Cleaning Contractor |
| To investigate the rewilding of Brookside green Space | Work with Shropshire Council Street Scene and flood officer to remove spoil.  Engage with community with final plan which meets Highway Safety.  Incorporate and communicate changes to the current maintenance contract | 2022 – 2023 | Precept | Clerk  Climate Change Working Group  Shropshire Council  Maintenance Contractor |
| Ensure that Bus Shelters, Benches, village gates, War Memorial and closed churchyards are well maintained | Carry out annual visual inspections  Engage with Maintenance Contractor | Ongoing 3 year Maintenance Contract awarded. Review in 2022 | Precept | Clerk  Maintenance Contractor |
| Ensure that Hope Burial Ground is well Maintained and Operated    Evaluate Hope Burial Ground to comply with DEFRA Ground Water Excemption for smaller burial authorities and consider reduction in Burial capacity | Carry out annual visual inspections  Engage with Maintenance Contractor  Respond to DEFRA consultation.  Confirm exemption to conditions using Magic Maps  Make provision for additional burial space to be made available | Ongoing 3 year Maintenance Contract awarded. Review in 2022  DEFRA September 2022 | Precept | Clerk  Maintenance Contractor |

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| **ROADS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING** | | | | | |
| Continue to highlight Road Safety to Shropshire Council Highways and the local policing team | WPS/Shropshire Council are carrying out a survey of the B4386.  Support Highways with implementation of further speed restriction measures.  Work with the Local policing team identifying speeding and accident hotspots  Report highways defects in a timely manner  Advertise Road Closures and works to parish residents.  Identified in the Parish plan and continued community engagement. | Ongoing | Neighbourhood Fund has been earmarked in reserves | Clerk  Shropshire Council  West Mercia Police |
| Continue to highlight Pavements Safety between Worthen and Brockton | Worthen has been included as a Hub in the emerging Local Plan and a safe pavement solution is offered for one site in Worthen.  Continue to liaise with Highways & Planning.  Identified in the Parish Plan and community engagement. | Ongoing | Neighbourhood Fund has been earmarked in reserves | Clerk  Shropshire Council  West Mercia Police |
| Ensure that Streetlights are well maintained | Annual Maintenance Agreement is in place | Review in 2024 | Precept | Clerk |

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| **PLANNING** | | | |  |
| Housing and development | Ensure Local Implementation Plan reflects local housing needs, encourage developers to work within that plan  Promote smaller houses (2 &3 bedroom) in small speculative infill sites  Planning Committee To develop parish council policies including a climate change strategy | ongoing | Not Required | Planning Committee  Clerk |
| Sustainability and the Environment | To ensure that development, economic, business and housing is sustainable and considers the wider impact on the natural environment and biodiversity. | Ongoing | Not Required | Climate Change Working Group  Planning Committee |

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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| Grants for Electric Charging Points | Identified by Climate Change Working Group |
| New wall for Hope Burial Ground | Identified by the clerk during annual inspection |

**Policy Created by the Clerk November 2021**

**Policy Scheduled for adoption January 2022**

**Next review date January 2025**