

PARISH CONFERENCE - Monday 1st September 2014

PROTECTING COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES WORKSHOPS – KEY DISCUSSION/ACTION POINTS

Workshop 1

ISSUE	DISCUSSION POINTS
CHEVELEY	<p>Has a Post office and shop. It is a hub for older people and is critical with the loss of bus services.</p> <p>There is a “selective” pub (people are barred). There is a suspicion that the owners are moving towards residential use. The Parish Council has actively decided not to nominate it as an ‘Asset of Community Value’.</p>
ASHLEY	<p>Ashley has a village shop, pub, restaurant and sports pavilion. It doesn’t have a school.</p> <p>The pubs struggles.</p> <p>The Sports pavilion is leased to the Pavilion Trust. The 25 year lease is due to expire in a few years. There are issues around who should be meeting the costs of repairing the footpath to the pavilion. A grant is probably needed to meet the costs. There has been conflicting legal advice about the lease.</p> <p>There is a closed churchyard which costs money to look after.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Cambs ACRE to visit Ashley PC and Pavilion Trust if it would be helpful to get resolution on the lease issues.</p>
WITCHAM	<p>There is a concern that there is disparate primary schooling as there is no school in the village. This in turn leads to no ‘ground up’ sense of community. Housing is expensive so people can’t afford to move there. This lack of relationship building through a community facility such as a school has the potential to create problems for the future.</p> <p>There is still a pub and the Village hall/Pavilion has recently been upgraded.</p>
CHEVELEY	<p>Have employed a solicitor to look at their lease and they now have a Mgt agreement which allows them to do essential works.</p>
GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>Clerks could look after more than one Parish Council to foster good information sharing and continuity and to save time.</p>

Workshop 2

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CHIPPENHAM	<p>The pub is now listed as an ‘asset of community value’.</p> <p>The estate’s houses are now being put on the market as the previous occupiers pass away. They are so expensive that local people are finding it difficult to afford them so local young people have to move away.</p>

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LITTLE THETFORD	<p>The Parish council purchased their phone box from BT.</p> <p>They have a village hall and recreation field.</p> <p>It is an asset being a 'no through' village and there is fairly reasonable public transport.</p>
KIRTLING	<p>Has a poorly supported village pub that has been listed as an 'asset of community value'. There was a discussion about if it really was an ACV if it isn't supported by the local community.</p>
WOODDITTON	<p>The 3 Blackbirds pub is also listed as an 'asset of community value'. The pub may be sold to a local family in conjunction with the Granary Barns.</p>
BURWELL	<p>Has a small nature reserve, with a meadow and woodland. There is a small green strip parallel to this, which the parish council would like to buy to preserve. However, there are competing potential uses.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Cambs ACRE to consider how the Parish Council could achieve their aim and provide advice.</p>