

Calveley Community Plan – Progress Report March 2015

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The Working Group has now started on the “Delivery Stage” of the Community Plan, which was produced in September 2014.

Village Centre Amenities and the Davenport Arms

Talks are ongoing with the Canal and River Trust to explore opportunities to provide a focal point for the community with amenities on the boatyard by the canal. This is a long term ambition. Bailey's Cheese at Calveley Mill are developing a retail and café facility and are looking to attract local and passing trade. The garage is also continuing to develop a retail facility alongside fuel sales. The Davenport Arms is now sold and subject to a planning application for demolition and the building of nine houses.

Footpaths and Pavements

The discussions with the Canal and Rivers Trust include improvements to the tow path to improve access to the mill and the garage for the community. This development will make the towpath more user friendly for walking and cycling between Calveley and Wardle. There is no possibility for the development of a footpath alongside the A51 from Calveley Mill to the garage.

Utilities

The water pressure in the area has been checked and confirmed to be in line with statutory requirements and some leaks have been located and repaired.

Aged sections of electricity cables have been replaced resulting in significant improvements.

Overhead telephone cables have also been replaced and connections are now improved.

High Speed Broadband should become available, at least to part of our community, in the coming months. We will continue to update the Notice Board with information.

Cheshire East (CEC) has cleared out gullies which should ease any local flooding. This is an on-going exercise so if you know of drains or gullies which have been missed please let us know, so these too are cleared.

There is no prospect of a mains gas supply for our community in the foreseeable future.

The A51 and the back lanes

The 30mph speed limit on the A51 has mostly calmed traffic through Calveley. Upgrades are now being made to the speed cameras to help enforce the limit. As a further improvement to safety we are in discussion with CEC regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing close to the site of the Davenport Arms. Discussions are on-going with CEC to try to achieve reinstatement of some of the street lighting along the A51. Our Road Safety Group has recently made the first of several traffic counts (the results are on the noticeboards) and we intend to use these figures to support our discussions. Please let us know if you would like to be involved. Provision for a bypass for Alpraham

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and Calveley remains on the agenda, this is a long term aspiration, however CEC are now undertaking enquiries to pursue this. The development at Wardle can only support our demands. Numerous meetings have been held with CEC, including the leader of the Council and Highways Department, regarding the unacceptable state of the back lanes. Action, although slow, has started. The first Passing Place is signed and will be surfaced properly and more will follow. Weight restrictions are to be introduced and efforts are being made to further reduce the recently applied 40 mph speed limit especially by the school.

Communications within the Community

The web based notice board has been established and is regularly visited by a significant number of people from the community seeking information. It is not being used in an interactive way as a tool for us all to use which is how we had thought it would develop. Although a popular initiative the Good Neighbour Scheme has been slow to start due, apparently, to a lack of people in need! The Home Watch Scheme continues to provide a link between the community and the police. New notice boards are in place outside the chapel and school.

Housing

Planning permission is currently being sought for around a dozen new houses in the community, five of these are within Alraham Parish. This number is roughly in line with local people's views expressed in the questionnaires. CEC has advised that there is no Council planned requirement for additional housing in Calveley at present.

The Working Group and Parish Council are investigating the desirability of producing a Neighbourhood Plan which, if adopted, could be used to defend against unwanted future development in the area.

If you have any comments or queries or would like to become involved in any way please contact any of the working group or email us on communityplan@hotmail.co.uk.

Community News

Early Notice of Litter Picking Day

The Parish Council held a very successful litter Picking Day in 2013 and have decided to hold one this year on May 3. More details about this will follow nearer the time – all welcome.

Change of Bus Times for the 84

This is just to make you aware that, since March 22, there are some changes to the times of the 84 buses. Please check the notices at bus stops or either the Arriva or Cheshire East web sites.

The current updated Action Plan is available on the website

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