



**CHIVELSTONE PARISH PLAN  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **BACKGROUND**

From September 2003 a core group of Parish Councillors, and volunteers, worked on a project to ask both residents and homeowners in the parish about their thoughts, concerns and hopes for the future. Funded by the Countryside Agency they held public meetings, involved local groups and held a road show in the Parish Community Hall. The themes or issues that occurred the most during the consulting weekend formed the basis of a questionnaire, to be completed by everyone over the age of 11 years. This was delivered to all households during March 2004 including second and holiday homes. If necessary the questionnaire was sent to the second home owners 'away' address. A positive response to the questionnaire resulted in a 42% return representing the views of 146 Parishioners. It is these views and aspirations that have helped form this plan and the proposed actions to create a vision of the future.

### **THE PARISH**

The coastal parish of Chivelstone, which is the most southerly tip of Devon, covers 10 square kilometres. The area has many special designations, including: Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Coastal Preservation Area, Heritage Coast, Site of Special Scientific Interest and Conservation Areas. The parish has 206 households with the majority being in the hamlet of East Prawle. Here there are two Public Houses, a shop and café (open in the holiday season) and the Parish Community Hall. The Church of England Parish Church, St. Sylvester's is situated in the small hamlet of Chivelstone. Ford and South Allington make up the four settlements of the parish.



East Prawle Green

### **THE VISION**

- ◆ A Parish with a future that compliments the current lifestyle and meets and enhances the aspirations of its members.
- ◆ A Parish that protects the outstandingly beautiful environment in which it is situated.
- ◆ A community that enjoys a safe, secure and healthy way of life.
- ◆ A caring community that provides for all its age groups.
- ◆ A community that takes every opportunity to help itself.

## **HOUSING**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

An affordable housing development in the parish specifically for locals would be acceptable to the majority. This would be subject to allocation safe guards being in place to ensure the development remained for locals and the scheme being controlled by parishioners.

Over 76% of the respondents thought that two or three units in a complex with warden control providing sheltered accommodation for local elderly people would be a good idea. If land was available the same safeguards would be put in place as for the affordable housing development and the scheme be controlled by parishioners.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Identify Land suitable for development. Research regulations on setting up a parish housing association and funding for such projects

## TRANSPORT

### **TRAFFIC SPEEDS**

The majority of respondents did not think there was a problem with driving speed within the parish. When given a choice, 73.7% opted for a standard 30mph speed limit through all villages on the A379 between Kingsbridge and Torcross and the majority preference for 40mph elsewhere on the A379.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Inform Parish Councils along the A379 of the opinions of Chivelstone Parishioners and help them to lobby DCC to rationalise speed limits in the area.

### **A379 SLAPTON SANDS**

A significant number (88.3%) of respondents wished to see the A379 at Slapton Sands retained.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Work with the Slapton Line Partnership to continue to ensure that this vital road link is maintained and defended. Lobby English Nature to ensure that the outcome of studies are favourable.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Because of the location of the Parish the majority of parishioners have their own transport. 60% of respondents were not interested in Car sharing. A small minority depend entirely on the weekly community bus.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Ensure that the support for the Coleridge Community Bus is maintained.

### **CAR PARKING**

Car Parking in East Prawle was considered to be a seasonal problem with the majority of the respondents wishing to continue with Parking around the Village Green. There is no provision for minibuses or coaches, which may need addressing in the future. The majority of respondents thought that parking charges affect business. 71.8% felt that concessions should be available for South Hams Residents.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Express concerns of parking charges adversely affecting businesses to SHDC with a view to obtaining a change in the Council's strategy.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **PARISH FOOTPATHS**

Parishioners found the Parish Paths network acceptable. The Parish Council has joined the DCC P3 scheme since circulating the questionnaire and is receiving an annual grant that will ensure the standards are maintained.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Encourage the continued membership of the DCC P3 scheme to ensure that the current standards are maintained and problems are identified and resolved at an early stage.

### **SURVEYS AND GUIDES**

The majority of parishioners felt that a Habitat / Wildlife survey would be useful or important as were design guides for new development, and alterations to buildings. It was encouraging to discover that a large proportion of parishioners were willing and able to offer help for parish projects or local conservation groups.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Parish Council to contact local study centres with a view to creating a local group to carry out a habitat/wildlife survey. Also establish methods for creating design statements.



Moorwell pond

### **VISUAL CHARACTER OF THE PARISH**

The main items that would improve the visual character of the parish were felt to be that trees should be protected, cables should be placed underground and there should be greater control of fly tipping.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Parish Council to liase with SHDC and local landowners to ensure that regulations already in place to protect trees and hedges are not ignored. Liase with SWEB and BT and their successors to establish a programme for under grounding cables. Liase with SHDC to ensure their policies do not encourage an increase in fly tipping incidents.

### **CONSERVATION IN THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

The importance of conservation to the local environment was felt to be vital in respect of the Landscape and Countryside by the majority of respondents. Sustainable Farming was vitally important to 69.8% of respondents.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Encourage local farmers and landowners to continue with current stewardship schemes and to partake in Environmental Stewardship schemes and keep parishioners informed.

### **CRIME AND SAFETY**

There were no real crime and safety concerns.

### **LOCAL SERVICES**

On the whole it was felt that the standard of services for the parish was good. However, 63 Parishioners had trouble obtaining a National Health Service Dentist for themselves and their families.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Make relevant authorities aware of the problems of parishioners obtaining dental treatment on the NHS.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

A majority of respondents felt that Adult Education courses within the parish, and a local historical society would be of benefit.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Contact Kingsbridge & District History Society to establish the foundations required for such a group. Enquire at Kingsbridge Adult Education Centre the feasibility of holding various classes within the Parish.

## **LEISURE FACILITIES/YOUNG OF THE PARISH**

The results prove that the swimming pool facility at Kingsbridge is a valuable asset to the area. The young of the parish would like public transport for extra school activities. They would also like an area or field, for sports and ball games and more horse riding bridleways.

**RECOMMENDATION** - Liase with Principal of Kingsbridge Community College to establish if transport would be possible. Try to establish a suitable area to create a ball park.

## **JOBS & EMPLOYMENT**

67.8% of parishioners felt that Light industrial units should be developed and made available so that small businesses service the local community and provide local jobs. Lack of suitable premises was also seen to be a major barrier to economic growth in this parish, along with the uncertainty of the future of the A379 Torcross/Strete Gate road. However, the main barriers to economic growth within the parish were felt to be the lack of communications.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Identify possible locations for light industrial units. Parish Council to continue to lobby BT to ensure that broadband is introduced on schedule in June 2005

## **TOURISM**

Although only 33% respondence directly benefit from tourism, it was felt that this was a fairly significant number. The Parish appeared to be split equally as to whether more tourists should be encouraged to the area. Parishioners felt that Bed & Breakfast accommodation was the most important facility that should be developed to encourage more tourists closely followed by 'Controlled' camping sites.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Ensure tourists are continued to be encouraged to the area and increase the understanding of the importance of these people to the economic balance of the parish. Parish Council to lobby SHDC to highlight the importance of controlling camping sites in the parish.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The majority of the vital or important services that Parishioners felt could be provided in the Parish were Plastic recycling, glass collection, tin/aluminium collection. This may be addressed when the District Council introduces a new kerbside collection in January 2006.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Parish Council to liaise with SHDC to ensure the smooth introduction of the new kerbside scheme.

## **COMMUNICATION**

A large majority of the respondents felt that the parish magazine and the Parish Council newsletter are an effective means of keeping them informed of news, events and services. It was also suggested a telephone cascade system could be developed as a means of communication. Parishioners are satisfied that they receive sufficient information about activities in the surrounding area and towns.

**RECOMMENDATION** - The Parish Council should be encouraged to continue with regular newsletters and to develop a community website ([Chivelstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://Chivelstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk)) and initiate a telephone cascade system.

### Parish recycling



#### **PUBLIC TOILETS AND AREAS**

The current standard of maintenance for the Public Toilets and Public areas was considered good by the majority of the parishioners. However, dog fouling was considered a problem but 77.5% of respondents are not willing to fund a Parish Dog Warden.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Parish Council to investigate the Clean Neighbourhoods Bill and how it may help the dog fouling problem.

#### **CHILDCARE PROVISION**

The amount of childcare required in the parish was minimal and was adequately covered by the provision available in the parish

#### **PARISH SHOP/POST OFFICE**

90.5% of respondents said they would support a year round co-op shop and 31 said that they would help run a shop/post office. Kingsbridge is also the main centre for shopping, banking, supermarket, and farmers market. Thanks to a special community hall and two vibrant pubs in East Prawle, the majority of socialising is carried out in the Parish. 50.6% of parishioners use either Frogmore or Chillington Post Offices, with only 38% travelling to Kingsbridge. The majority of pensions are collected at Chillington.

**RECOMMENDATION** - Investigate grants available and feasibility of setting up a co-operative, if and when the shop ceases to trade or seek alternative arrangements.

#### **STREET LIGHTING**

97.6% of respondents do not want street lighting in Chivelstone, similarly a majority do not want any more signs either.

#### **TELEPHONES**

74% of parishioners did not feel that mobile phone reception was acceptable. 88.8% of parishioners felt that public phone boxes should be retained. An internet café would not be used in the parish by the majority of respondents.

**RECOMMENDATION** – The show of support for the public telephone boxes should be relayed to the Parish Council and BT. Investigate the actions required to improve mobile phone reception without implementing new unsightly masts.

### **PRECEPT**

Parishioners were asked if they would be willing to spend extra council tax if the money was spent locally. 84 people out of 152 were willing to spend £5 or above on specific projects.

**RECOMMENDATION** – Investigate what projects could benefit from additional funding.

### **PUBLIC HOUSES**

The majority want the public houses to close and entertainment to finish at 11.00pm during the week and 12 midnight at weekends (Friday/Saturday).

**RECOMMENDATION** - Ensure that SHDC are aware of requirements for the parish when considering new licences.

### **PAROCHIAL MATTERS**

The majority of respondents felt that the Parish Church is important as an historic building. 55 parishioners intend to be buried in Chivelstone Churchyard

**RECOMMENDATION** – Inform Chivelstone PCC



Chivelstone Church

# ACTION PLAN

CPL	Chivelstone Parish Landowners	SLP - Slapton Line Partnership	DEFRA	Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
SHDC	South Hams District Council	SLDG - Slaton Line defence group		
CPC	Chivelstone Parish Council	KSAP - Kingsbridge and Salcombe Area Partnership		
HA	Housing Association	CCBC - Coleridge Community Bus Committee	RDA	Rural Development Agency
DCC	Devon County Council	CA - Countryside Agency		

Ref.	Recommendation	Action	Priority	Partners	Time Scale	Lead	Resource
1.1.0	<b>Housing</b>						
1.1.1	Identify land suitable for development Research regulations on setting up a Parish Housing Association	Identify suitable development land. Research regulations on setting up a parish housing association	Medium Medium	CPL SHDC, CPC HA	On going On going	SHDC CPC	Private Investment Development Funding
1.2.0	<b>Transport</b>						
1.2.1	Inform parish Councils along the A379 of the opinions of Chivlestone Parishioners and help them to lobby DCC to rationalise speed limits in the area	Lobby to obtain 30mph through villages and 40mph on A379 Kingsbridge to Dartmouth	Medium	DCC, Police, Parish adj. to A379	End 2006	CPC	Voluntary/Clerk
1.2.2	Work with the SLP to continue to ensure that this vital road link is maintained and defended. Lobby English Nature to ensure that the outcome of studies made are favourable.	In conjunction with neighbouring parishes press to retain and safeguard this vital link	High	CPC, SLP, SLDG, KSAP	On going	CPC	Voluntary/Funding
1.2.3	Ensure that the support for the Coleridge Community Bus is maintained	Lobby parishioners to support fundraising activities	High	CCBC,CPC	On going	CPC	Voluntary/Funding
1.2.4	Express concerns of parking charges adversely affecting businesses to SHDC with a view to obtaining a change in the Council's strategy.	Highlight to SHDC increasing concerns regarding excessive charges adversely effecting the community.	High	CPC, SHDC, Saltstone Gp.	On going	CPC	Clerk/Voluntary

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2.3.0	<b>Environment</b>						
2.3.1	Encourage the continued membership of the DCC P3 scheme to ensure that the current standards are maintained and problems are identified and resolved at an early stage	Ensure current standards are maintained and improved upon	Medium	CPC,DCC	On going	CPC	Footpaths Officer
2.3.2	Parish Council to contact local study centres with a view to creating a local group to carry out a habitat/wildlife survey.	Contact local Study Centre	Low	CPC,SHDC	On going	CPC	Clerk/Voluntary
2.3.3	Parish Council to liase with SHDC and local landowners to ensure that regulations already in place to protect trees and hedges are not ignored. Liase with SWEB and BT to establish a programme for under grounding cables. Liase with SHDC to ensure their policies do not encourage an increase in fly tipping incidents.	Liase with SHDC Tree Warden	Medium	CPC, SHDC, CPL	On going	CPC	Parsih Tree Warden/ Clerk
		Liase with SWEB, BT and landowners to establish a programme	Medium	CPC,SWEB BT,CPL	End 2015	CPC	Clerk/Landowners/ Funding
		Liase with SHDC to ensure that policies are workable in this parish	High	CPC, SHDC,	On going	CPC	Clerk
2.3.4	Encourage local farmers and landowners to continue with current stewardship schemes/ Environmental Stewardship schemes and keep parishioners informed.	Organise presentations on stewardship schemes.	Low	DEFRA, CPC CPL	On going	CPC	DEFRA
2.4.0	<b>Local Services</b>						
2.4.1	Make relevant authorities aware of the problems of parishioners obtaining dentist treatment on the NHS	Work with partners to ensure awareness of need for a NHS Dentist in the area	High	CPC, South Hams & W. Dev. Primary Health Care Trust	On going	CPC	Voluntary/Clerk
2.4.2	Contact Kingsbridge & District History Society to establish the foundations required for such a group. Enquire at Kingsbridge Adult Education Centre the feasibility of holding various classes within the Parish	Contact Kingsbridge History Society and bring together interested parties to form groups	Low	CPC, Kingsbridge Community College, Tresillian	On going	CPC	Matched Funding
2.4.3	Liase with Principal of Kingsbridge Community College to establish if transport would be possible. Try to establish a suitable area to create a ball park	Work with Principal of College to establish if transport would be feasible.	Medium	Comm. College CPC	End 2012	CPC	Voluntary/Funding
		Liase with landowners to establish if an area is available	Medium	CPC, CPL, Chiv. Youth Club			

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3.5.0	<b>Jobs &amp; Employment</b>						
3.5.1	Identify possible locations for light industrial units. Parish Council to continue to lobby BT to ensure that Broadband is introduced on schedule in June 2005	Work with landowners to identify suitable locations for industrial units Lobby BT to ensure broadband is introduced in June 2005	Medium High	CPC, CPL CPC, BT, local businesses	On going June 2005	CPC CPC	European Funding/ RDA
3.6.0	<b>Tourism</b>						
3.6.1	Ensure tourists are continued to be encouraged to the area and increase the understanding of the importance of these people to the economic balance of the parish. Parish Council to lobby SHDC to highlight the importance of controlling camping sites in the Parish.	Ensure that Chivlestone Parish is suitably represented by SHDC in their promotional literature. Lobby SHDC Environment & Prosperity Policy Development Groups, to highlight the importance of controlling camping sites in the Parish	Medium High	CPC, SHDC, Kingsbridge TIC CPC, SHDC,	On going End 2005	SHDC CPC	Voluntary Clerk
3.7.0	<b>Community Services</b>						
3.7.1	Parish Council to liaise with SHDC to ensure the smooth introduction of the new kerbside scheme.	Liase with SHDC to establish a time scale for the introduction of the new scheme	High	CPC, SHDC	End 2005	CPC	Clerk/ Council Tax
3.7.2	The Parish Council should be encouraged to continue with regular newsletters and to develop a community website and initiate a telephone cascade system.	Establish a routine for production of newsletters. Parish Council to investigate development of community website and initiate a telephone cascade system.	High High	CPC CPC	End 2005 2005	CPC CPC	Coucillors/sponsorship Clerk
3.7.3	Parish Council to investigate the Clean Neighbourhoods Bill and how it may help the dog fouling problem	Research details of the Clean Neighbourhoods Bill	High	CPC, MP	End 2006	CPC	Clerk
3.7.4	Setting up a year round co-operative / Post Office	Investigate grants available and feasibility of setting up a co-operative/PO	Medium	Parishioners, CPC, Public	On going	CPC	SHDC/RDA
3.7.5	The show of support for the public telephone boxes should be relayed to BT. Improve Mobile Telephone reception	Lobby BT to retain public telephone boxes Investigate actions required to improve mobile phone reception	High Medium	CPC, BT CPC, SHDC, Mobile phone Co.	On going End 2008	CPC CPC	Clerk Clerk

Ref.	Recommendation	Action	Priority	Partners	Time Scale	Lead	Resource
4.7.6	Investigate the projects required in the parish	Investigate what projects could benefit from additional funding.	Low	Parishioners, CPC	End 2010	CPC	Local Groups/Council Tax
4.7.7	Ensure that SHDC are aware of requirements for the parish when considering new licences for the public houses in the parish.	Inform SHDC of outcome of questionnaire results.	High	CPC, SHDC, Pub Landlords	End 2005	CPC	Clerk
4.7.8	Inform Chivelstone PCC that at least 55 parishioners wish to be buried in Chivelstone Churchyard and that the Church is felt to be an important historic building.	Inform PCC	High	CPC, CPCC	End 2005	CPC	Clerk