

Brigham Parish Council

Parish Plan 2003



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The Parish of Brigham

The Parish of Brigham is situated in North Cumbria, within the Allerdale Borough Council area. Allerdale broadly covers the area between the Solway Coast in the north and west, to the northern Lake District fells in the south. To the east it borders with Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council, and with Copeland Borough Council in the south. Brigham is located immediately to the west of the Town of Cockermouth and approximately 8 miles east of Workington in the River Derwent Valley.

The Parish covers an area of 816 square hectares, and has a population density of 0.4 per hectare. In 1995 the population was estimated to be 960 and there were 395 properties in the Parish with several more under construction. The main population is concentrated in the village of Brigham and the hamlet of Broughton Cross with a few outlying farms. In the north the Parish boundary follows the River Derwent,

Both Brigham and Broughton Cross are former mining/quarrying villages although now most residents work in Cockermouth or West Cumbria including the BNFL Complex in Copeland.

There are a number of services available in the Parish

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| • <i>Bus service and shelter</i> | <i>Caravan Sites</i> |
| • <i>Church and Churchyard</i> | <i>Chapel</i> |
| • <i>Notice Boards</i> | <i>Play Areas</i> |
| • <i>Post Boxes</i> | <i>Post Office/Stores</i> |
| • <i>Public House</i> | <i>Club</i> |
| • <i>Telephone Kiosks</i> | <i>Coarse Fishing</i> |
| • <i>Village Hall</i> | <i>2 Playing Fields</i> |
| • <i>St Bridget's School</i> | <i>Art Gallery</i> |
| • <i>Vehicle repair garages</i> | <i>Timber sales</i> |

Other than a small post office/store, there are no shopping facilities in the Parish and residents travel to nearby towns. The nearest towns are Cockermouth 2 miles and Workington 8 miles. To reach a large shopping centre one has to travel 30 miles to the City of Carlisle. Health care is provided by doctors' surgeries in the "nearby" market towns, and regional hospitals are situated in Carlisle and in Whitehaven 16 miles away.

The main A66 Trunk Road runs through the north of the Parish and from an often disputed junction on this road the "old A66" serves the village of Broughton Cross and several other villages to the east of the Parish as well as important commercial undertakings. The other roads actually running through the Parish are all relatively minor.

St Bridget's Primary school which has 119 pupils is an important and well respected facility in the Parish for children up to the age of 11 years and most children then go to Cockermouth School for their secondary education.

Within the Parish there are several small businesses which provide local employment and services to the village although most people commute to Cockermouth or West Cumbria for employment and shopping. In the two villages there are a number of clubs and organisations which provide leisure opportunities in the village hall or chapel rooms and there is a public house and a social club still operating in the Parish.

Plan Objectives

The objective in producing a Parish Plan is to establish what facilities and services are needed in the Parish both for the present time and in the future. Parish Plans are produced under the Vital Villages Initiative run by the Countryside Agency and there is guidance as to what topics should be included but each Parish is also encouraged to use their own initiative in setting out what is needed in the Parish in the future.

A Parish Plan should set out a vision for the community over the next five to ten years. At the same time it should indicate what and where action is necessary to deal with issues of concern to those who live and work in the community, be they social, environmental or economic.

Once a Parish has produced a Plan, its contents can be used to influence the decisions of the wide range of organisations which provide support and services to rural communities. In fact, the production of a Parish Plan can be a major benefit to all local organisations seeking funding for individual projects or for buildings in the Parish.

The following objectives are the main focus of this Parish Plan:-

- To identify local community needs and improve community awareness, thereby influencing the decisions of statutory bodies, agencies, individuals and groups.
- To set out an achievable vision for the future of the Parish, taking into account the views of the community.
- To identify and record the use and sustainability of the Brigham Memorial Hall and set out the needs for improvement of the village hall building, including considering its future potential.
- To improve youth facilities within the Parish.
- To liaise with Cumbria Police and take all possible steps to improve Parish Safety.
- To improve community spirit in the Parish and involve all residents in Parish concerns.
- To make every effort to improve communications within the Parish
- To liaise with St Bridget's School to improve services for young children in the Parish
- To improve Village Facilities
- To improve the Parish Environment
- To set out the need for a Village Caretaker
- To seek additional employment opportunities in the Parish

Plan Preparation, Consultation and Community Involvement

Like many small Parishes, Brigham, as a former mining village, has many problems which, in part, are due to the requirements of modern day living. Traffic speed and congestion, escalating costs of maintaining public areas and a need to protect and preserve the environment of the Parish led Members to agree to undertake a Parish Plan to set out the needs of the Parish over the next five years.

It was also felt that the decision to prepare a Parish Plan could improve community spirit in the Parish and inform the residents of the Parish of the needs of the area and what could be done by way of improvement. One important aspect of this plan is therefore to involve all sections of the village and this has been achieved by the following activities.

Having registered an interest in preparing a Plan with the Countryside Agency in May 2002, a decision was made in October 2002, to prepare a plan and a consultant was appointed to assist in the preparation of the Plan. Once approval had been received, a Steering Group was formed comprising Members of the Parish Council and volunteers from the Parish, some of whom represented other village organisations. As a first step a detailed programme of consultation was agreed to ensure all sections of the community were reached.

The Programme undertaken was as follows

- Each household was invited to complete a village appraisal questionnaire that also gave an opportunity for householders to comment about the needs of the village. The replies received were very useful and confirmed much of the survey work carried out by Parish Councillors.
- A Steering Group has met to discuss issues to be included in the Plan on a regular basis.
- Residents have been encouraged to put forward their views about the needs of the village.
- The Plan has been publicised through newsletters delivered to each house in the village.
- The local Primary School has used the plan as an education opportunity to involve all their pupils in the action for youth strategy.
- Local organisations were invited to add their views into the Plan.
- Older children were approached and requested to complete a questionnaire.
- This Plan has been the subject of an exhibition in the Village hall that was open to all residents of the village to attend over two full days. This gave residents the opportunity to pass comment on the Plan to Parish Council representatives.
- To recognise the needs of Broughton Cross a separate group was formed to discuss the issues in this part of the Parish.

A special feature of this consultation process was the enthusiastic way in which residents, organisations and Parish Councillors responded to the consultation process and the obvious pride many residents had in their Parish.

The Parish Council is particularly grateful to the headteacher and staff of St Bridget's Primary School who took on board the task of involving young children from the village in finding out their views and using the Plan preparation as an opportunity in their local study programme.

It was particularly pleasing to see many written comments within the questionnaires where people had taken the trouble to identify their views about village issues and many of these views have been considered and accepted in the preparation of the Plan.

A Brief History of Brigham

The village of Brigham is built along a spring line where water was readily available before the days of piped water. The Parish of Brigham stands on the junction between the limestones and the sandstone/coal measures of the Carboniferous rocks. There are several theories about the origin of the name "Brigham" but all seem to centre around the theory that the village is connected to a bridge over the River Derwent. The siting of the village up the hill away from the river is probably linked to the availability of water from the springs.

The oldest house in the Parish is "Rectory Farm". This property may have been connected with a nunnery or friary which legend says was nearby, though there is no evidence for this. There was certainly a well called "Nuns Well" in the field to the west of the Church, in an area later quarried. To the east of Brigham village is the village pound where straying animals used to be kept until collected by their owners.

The quarries in the east and centre of the village are limestone: the ones to the west are sandstone, used for building. Most of the older properties in Brigham are built of this stone. The limestone quarries in the village closed about 1910, but Ellerbeck Quarry, to the east of the village finished in the 1930's. Most of the limestone was used in West Cumberland blast furnaces as a flux in the smelting of iron. Some was burned in kilns for use in agriculture and for making mortar. At Broughton Cross the first coal seams appear and there was a small pit just to the east of that village in the 19th century. Until the closing of the West Cumberland coal-pits and the local quarries and the decline in agricultural employment, these were the only sources of local work. Some 40 houses used to be owned by coal companies for their employees. Most people now commute to work at Cockermouth, Workington or further afield.



A 19th century school which was attended by Fletcher Christian is located in the village. The school is now a private house and was superseded by a Church School built in 1875 and recently enlarged and improved.

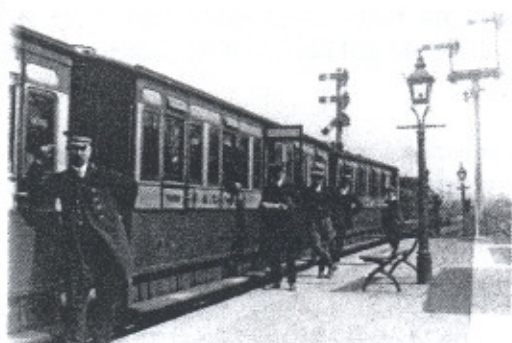
A large building firm founded by a Brigham family provided much employment for 50 years, but is now no longer active locally. There is now only one working farm in the village, two on the outskirts and three out in the country part of the Parish.

A Brief History of Brigham



The Parish Church, a very early foundation, and once the “Mother Church” of the whole district, is built on a glacial gravel mound, higher than the marshy ground by the river, and providing good digging for graves, whereas the main village has shallower soil over rock.

One of the great changes in recent years has been the closing of the railway and the making of the A66 road. In addition, the construction of about 100 houses on High Rigg and nearly 50 in the Hill area made a huge difference to the village.



Brigham Station



Allport's Garage

Looking back to the earlier 20th century, there was a railway station, a butcher, a bread maker, several “front room” confectioners, some dressmakers, coal merchants and carters, a veterinary surgeon, a market garden and two fish and chip shops. In the distant past there was even a brewery! All gone!

Brigham Memorial Hall was built after the first world war in memory of those who died and is much used. The village is fortunate in having a public house in Low Brigham (three until recently), a post office and store, (two stores until recently and four thirty years ago). There is a chapel, three repair garages and a reasonable bus service.

The Built Environment

Background

Within the Allerdale Local Plan Brigham and Broughton Cross are defined as "Infill Villages". These are described as villages which have some facilities such as a shop, school, post office or hall but because of environmental or infrastructure constraints can only assimilate small scale infill housing proposals within carefully defined limits.

The development limits in Brigham and Broughton Cross have been drawn tightly around the existing built up areas of the two villages in order to limit development to infill plots within the boundaries and in "infill villages" exceptions will not be allowed except for local needs/affordable housing.

Within the Parish Survey, 79% of those who replied thought that the current development limits in Brigham should not be changed. In Broughton Cross 36% thought new housing was necessary although 48% thought no further housing was needed other than some affordable housing for local needs.

Local Needs/Affordable Housing

From the results of the questionnaire a need for 11 new households to find their own independent accommodation in the next five years was established. The Parish Council will raise these needs with local housing associations or other providers to see if there is any way in which these needs can be accommodated.

Review of Allerdale Local Plan

Starting in 2004, the Borough Council will begin to review the current Local Plan and within this document, the Parish Council is keen to set out its views about the future of the two villages in terms of future development, local needs, affordable housing and the scale and design of any housing to be allowed.

It is the duty of the Borough Council to assess housing circumstances in their area during a review of their local plans and decide which land (if any) might be released for new housing and as Brigham and Broughton Cross are two sought after places in which to live, the Parish Council wishes to set out their views at this early stage.

Future Development Land

In general terms, the Parish Council does not feel large scale development in Brigham is possible due to sewage constraints and a limited amount of developable land within the village environment.

In Broughton Cross, the Parish Council feels all new development should be confined to within the existing boundaries unless the case is made for local needs/affordable housing to be provided in the area.

Scale and Design

As a former mining village with its narrow Main Street, Brigham suffers more than most villages from traffic and parking problems and the Parish Council is keen to ensure any new housing provided in the Parish has at the very least its own parking or garage within its curtilage.

Planning Guidelines

The Parish Council is also anxious that any new housing in either village does not interfere with the rights of existing property owners to enjoy their homes by taking away open views, overshadowing smaller properties and development is not a too high a density.

In some local villages, the whole character of the village has been spoilt by large scale estate type development being crammed into former farmsteads at the expense of existing owners losing their views and space which they had previously enjoyed. The Parish Council has therefore produced the following guidelines which they hope will be taken into account by the Borough Council when the Local Plan is reviewed.

Recommendations/Actions

Planning Guidelines

No extensions to the existing village development boundaries are appropriate in either village other than to fulfil local needs/affordable housing for young local people perhaps in Broughton Cross.

Further estates of uniform standard housing are not considered appropriate for Brigham Parish.

New landscaping should blend in with the surrounding landscape.

Existing building lines should not be altered without due consideration of the resulting spatial effect.

Old plot shapes should be retained unless there are good reasons for change.

New housing should have regard to local vernacular style and local characteristic features with local materials incorporated wherever possible.

Appropriate traditional buildings should be restored rather than demolished.

When undertaking alterations, owners should seek to preserve local features whenever possible.

Garden boundaries should be in local materials and the use of inappropriate hedging is to be discouraged.

Garages should be unobtrusive, set back and behind the house if possible and all new properties should have off road parking.



Heritage Features

Originally a farming community, over the centuries Brigham has played an important role in the history of West Cumbria. The quarries made important contributions to the iron making businesses in Workington and Brigham was an important railway junction until the railways closed to make way for road traffic. The Parish Church in Brigham was originally the "Mother Church" for the district and the village has a unique heritage which needs to be protected and preserved where possible.

The following list gives details of many of the features which have been identified as important to the history of the Parish and the Parish Council will consider how these can be protected for future generations. Mr. Denys Hinde and his wife have recorded the history of the Parish for many years and Mr Hinde has amassed a collection of photographs and documents which record much of the Parishes history. The Parish Council are grateful to Mr Hinde for his assistance in the preparation of the plan.

The suggestion has been made that a local heritage group might be formed to research and record the history of the Parish in the future and this idea will be considered by the Parish Council as part of the plan recommendations.

Parsonage Farm – Oldest known property in Parish

St Bridget's Parish Church – circa 1080 with additions in 12th & 13th centuries

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel – 1856

Brigham War Memorial Hall

School attended by Fletcher Christian – now a private house

Stone abutments of railway to Bulgill each side of River Derwent

Broughton Cross Recreational Field, site of former Broughton Cross Village Hall

Brigham Springs

The Village Pound or Pinfold

Bread and Beer Cottage

Ellerbeck Bridge (Moor Road)

Village Green

The Former Vicarage

West Quarry

East Quarry

Kirk Cross Quarry

Former Mines Rescues Station

Nuns Well

Chantry Well

Samson's Stone in Samson's Wood

Cuckoo Arch

Lime Kiln in Quarry

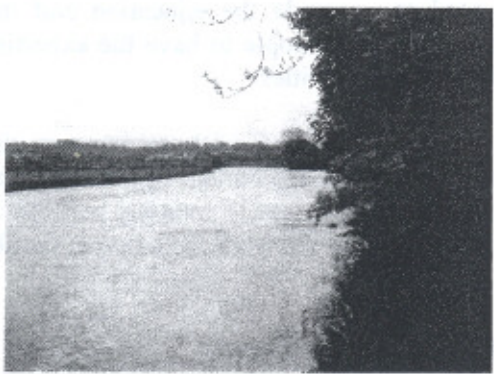


The Village Pound

Recommendations/Action

- *The Parish Council will support measures to protect important heritage features in the Parish and will support any heritage group established to further this aim.*
- *The Parish Council seek to protect Kirk Cross Quarry as a wildlife reserve.*

The Natural Environment & Wildlife



One of the main reasons people move to Brigham is the pleasant rural setting. Residents do not wish to see this threatened by inappropriate development of any kind and this is reflected in the views expressed in the questionnaire.

Although the density of properties in High Brigham is quite high, most properties have views over the surrounding countryside and the rural farmland around the village with its attractive hedgerows add to the quality of life in the village.

The valley of the River Derwent provides an attractive walk with an abundance of wildlife and the former quarries all provide a haven for nesting birds, red squirrels, bats, rare plants and various species of amphibians. The Parish Council is anxious to protect wildlife and birds within the Parish wherever possible.

All around the Parish are interesting locations for plant life where many different plant habitats can be found. The banks of the River Derwent at Caldron Dub, the former Oakwood, the local quarries, Hotchberry wood and the close-by Dubs Nature Reserve all provide specialised habitats for many important wild plants and for many, are a reason why Brigham is such a nice place to live.

Recommendations/Action

Wildlife habitats and corridors within the Parish should be protected and enhanced; this includes quarries, hedges, trees and water features such as ponds, and the springs and watercourses that feed them.

The River Derwent and its tributaries should be kept clear of pollution to maintain a healthy environment for birds, fish and other aquatic creatures, such as otters.

Any new developments should ensure protection of existing wildlife and natural habitats in line with the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Developers should seek opportunities for enhancement.

Any future community map will incorporate important wildlife habitat and corridors for future protection.

Employment Needs and Opportunities

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Encouragement and support of appropriate employment opportunities within the parish.
- Ensure everyone has the opportunity to get the training they need, especially in information technology.
- Increase in the number of people having the option of being able to work from home.

I would like to work from home, possibly part-time

With its central location between Workington and Cockermouth, Brigham is ideally situated for people who work in West Cumbria. The results of the questionnaire show that 70% of those who replied work in that area with 20% working in Cockermouth and 10% in Brigham although a large proportion of these jobs were part time. In fact part time working was quite common with many of those involved working in retail outlets. It is felt that working within the Parish, whether at home or in small local businesses, should be encouraged. This is in accordance with current government policy which is attempting to reduce the use of the motor car and its impact upon the environment.

The Parish does however, have a number of local businesses who make a valuable contribution to the local economy and provide employment for a number of residents of the Parish.

82% of replies indicated support for additional employment in the Parish with horticulture, small craft workshops, and tourism and leisure as the main suggestions. The existing site at Low Brigham was seen as ideal for this purpose.

The Parish Council feel that the promotion of at-home working is important and worth doing although the provision of broadband technology would be useful to help in this. This is also linked to the need to provide the education and the technological facilities, to enable people to have the expertise to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Parish Council would therefore wish to support the employment of parishioners within the Parish. Opportunities to increase tele-working and the necessary IT training, perhaps in the Memorial Hall, so that people can work from home, should be encouraged.

The reasons for supporting such a policy are:

- Reduction in journeys on local roads.
- Narrow Parish roads unsuitable for large numbers of vehicles.
- Sustainability – less reliance on fossil fuels.
- Reduction in vehicles produces safer roads for walkers and other road users.
- People are more likely to use the local shop and facilities if they do not have to travel out of the parish.



Employment Needs and Opportunities

THE ISSUES

- Promotion of at-home working
- A need for IT facilities and tuition in the Parish
- A need for facilities for distance learning
- A need for local employment to reduce commuting
- Appropriate siting of any new business so that it does not cause friction with the residential community
- Local businesses creating 'eyesores'

The Former Police Headquarters Building

There was considerable concern expressed in the questionnaires about the future of this building. Many people felt the building was out of character with the environment of the village and it should be demolished. There was also concern about the deteriorating state of the building and residents felt more security was needed in respect of the building.

Future Local Business Development

Whilst the Parish Council would like to encourage all local businesses, it can sometimes be the case that a business can outgrow a village location, or additional action has to be taken to ensure the premises remain acceptable within a residential location. Where an existing planning permission for industrial or business premises lapses or upgrading is sought, permission should only be granted if due consideration is given to the amenity and visual impact within the village environment. The traffic generated and effects of the development upon general road safety must also be addressed.

Many residents indicated that they thought the edges of villages were the best places for small workshop development. Other respondents mentioned locating developments in redundant farm buildings. The Allerdale Local Plan indicates these workshops should be adjacent to groups of buildings and approval for small workshops would only be given if the design of the structure complements that of adjacent buildings.

Local businesses need the support of the community and any possibility of friction should be eliminated at the planning stage. Particular care needs to be taken about the siting of businesses that may generate extra traffic on country lanes. The impact of heavy vehicles on such lanes can be considerable.



Any new small industries, craft workshops, etc. should be in redundant farm buildings or within existing buildings

Recommendations/Action

- *The Parish Council will support the conversion of existing buildings into small workshop premises in the countryside, in suitable locations, as in Allerdale Local Plan Policy, with the object of generating employment within the Parish or in villages.*
- *The Parish are concerned about the structural condition of the former police headquarters and the deterioration of this building which is becoming dangerous. The Parish Council believe this building should be demolished.*

Housing

Throughout the Parish there is a total of 390 properties ranging from small terraced houses built to accommodate miners, quarrymen and agricultural workers to modern estates built over the last twenty years.

From the questionnaire it was established that during the next five years 11 potential future households were identified as needing independent accommodation. The majority of these would prefer somewhere to purchase although there was a demand for rented properties from young couples unable to afford to purchase.

The Allerdale Local Plan has endeavoured to keep tight control over houses built in the Parish in order to protect the environment. To assist this there is a development boundary drawn around both Brigham and Broughton Cross and the consensus of opinion seems to be that these boundaries should be retained although no one would object to more rented or affordable housing being built for young local families.

The Parish Council also wishes to set out guidelines in respect of new developments including the layout, styles, density and materials preferred for any future developments in the Parish. It is hoped these ideas will be incorporated into the Allerdale Local Plan during its next review starting in 2003.

As stated above, the major area of concern for the Parish Council is that there is not enough low cost housing for local people to rent or purchase. Sales of cottages within the Parish have been at prices young couples simply can not afford and as a result, young people face having to leave the village to find their own place to live. The Parish Council therefore believes some low cost housing is needed, if necessary with a local occupancy clause if this situation is to be improved.

Affordable housing can be achieved by working with a Housing Trust. Such houses would be available for rent or purchase but the Housing Trust always retains a percentage share of the equity of the property to ensure the property stays within the affordable range and available to local people. In order for the community to be vibrant and active, it is necessary to retain young families with children. If such families are priced out of the market, the school, local businesses, the Village Hall and the community in general will suffer. In a successful community a diversity of housing mix and tenure is essential to enable the community to thrive and develop and any future development should reflect the needs of local people and at a rate to allow residents to be assimilated into the community.

Recommendations/Action

- The Parish Council will support the provision of more affordable housing in the Parish for local people.*
- The Parish Council wishes to see a diversity of mixed housing that complements the environment of the area..*
- New Housing to be limited to village infill.*
- Wherever possible traditional older buildings should be converted to housing rather than demolition and rebuild schemes.*

Traffic Speed and Volume, Transport Issues

High Brigham

Parking on the narrow Main Street of High Brigham with its numerous lanes and drives coming off is often difficult and where this occurs in the narrowest parts, traffic congestion often results. In addition there are several "blind" corners in the village which can cause traffic hold ups and on occasion HGVs try to pass through the village and simply can not negotiate the congested Main Street.

In addition to the parking problems, traffic often travels at excessive speeds through the Main Street and the Parish Council feels this is dangerous particularly for the young children and for parents using prams. The lack of a continuous pavement along the street adds to these problems and some of those provided are not wide enough to be used by more than a single pedestrian.

Within the plan consultation, all these problems were identified by residents and the Parish Council have carefully considered their response for inclusion in this plan. The problem is difficult to resolve without causing great inconvenience and possibly resentment within the Parish. On the one hand, many houses do not have integral parking and at present, residents park their cars on the Main Street wherever they can and there is a great deal of co-operation between car owners to ensure everyone gets a place. If parking restrictions were to be introduced there could be shortage of places and this might work against the needs of the village. The parking is also considered to be beneficial in reducing the speed of many vehicles travelling through High Brigham and if larger "gaps" were created traffic speed might increase giving more cause for concern.

For these reasons, the Parish Council is reluctant to request the County Council to impose any further parking restrictions within High Brigham but will consider looking at some of the bottlenecks with County Highways to see if solutions can be found to some of the major problems.



Recommendations—High Brigham

The Parish Council does however believe considerable steps could be taken to slow incoming traffic down and suggests the following:-

- *A speed limit of 20 mph through High Brigham from east of the village to the junction with old A66 and along minor roads to Low Brigham.*
- *Better signposts indicating the village and its narrow Main Street urging caution to drivers entering the village. Perhaps a solar slow down sign to greet traffic entering from the Moor Road at the eastern end of the village.*
- *Visible road markings of bottlenecks and blind corners within the village.*
- *The present 30 mph sign entering from the east to be moved to the start of the residential development., preferably with a limit of 20 mph.*

Traffic Speed and Volume, Transport Issues

Due to the historical layout of the Parish, traffic matters fall into a number of different issues.



- The village of Brigham with its narrow Main Street and many properties without integral parking has problems with parking and traffic speeds.



- The speed of traffic along the former A66 route past Brigham School and through Broughton Cross is a major concern to many residents. This problem is often increased when the route is used as a diversion when an accident occurs on the new A66.
- Traffic using Tendley Quarry often travels at excessive speeds through Broughton Cross village.
- Despite the improvements to the Broughton/Brigham Junction on the new A66, many residents are still of the opinion that a roundabout would have been a better solution.
- Traffic using minor roads in the Parish often travel at excessive speeds and in particular the road from High Brigham to Cockermouth across the Moor is a cause for concern as this is often used by people walking or cycling to Cockermouth.

Traffic Speed and Volume, Transport Issues

The former A66 through Broughton Cross

Until the new A66 was built this road was the main thoroughfare to West Cumbria from the east. Over the years, the road was improved to take a heavy traffic load including heavy goods vehicles and it has now become a comparatively quiet road serving Broughton Cross and several other villages in the area. The problem is that modern traffic can now travel along this road at high speeds and for the residents of Broughton Cross this is seen as a major problem as the village is divided by this road and visibility in the village to see cars approaching from the west is restricted.

The residents of Broughton Cross feel that some form of works are required to restrict traffic speeds in their village and whilst "raised traffic retarders" are not seen as a solution, the residents feel better signing and perhaps coloured surfacing might help the situation. Some residents also feel that the pedestrian crossing agreed some time ago should be provided and again, solar slow down signs at each end of the village might assist.



Quarry Traffic

Within the questionnaire, a number of residents expressed concern about the speed quarry traffic travels through the village. The Quarry company obviously tries to assist in preventing this but often the offending traffic is from away and drivers are not aware of the traffic dangers in Broughton Cross. The measures outlined for Broughton Cross above would assist in slowing down traffic but the Parish Council also feels signs, requesting drivers to drive carefully at the entrance/exit to the village might help the situation further.

The new A66 Junction

In 2001 Brigham Parish Council campaigned strongly with Broughton Parish Council for improvements to this junction. Whilst accepting that the work which has been carried out is seen as an improvement and all that could be achieved, the Parish Council are still of the opinion that a proper roundabout should have been provided and they will monitor traffic issues on this junction in the future.

Brigham School

A number of people who replied to the questionnaire expressed the view that the improvements on the former A66 which have been carried out outside Brigham School are not satisfactory. The Parish Council will monitor this important issue to ensure the safety of children attending the school and their parents. The Council will also consider views expressed by residents that consideration should be given to installing safety rails along School Brow.

The Village Environment

The following issues were raised within the questionnaires:-

Pavements

The present condition and width of pavements in High Brigham was a concern for a number of people who responded to the questionnaires and due to the constraints within the Main Street, the Parish Council feels this is a difficult problem to address. However, the Parish Council will request a survey and discussion with the Highways Authority on this subject as part of the action plan.

Litter Bins

7 people who replied thought more litter bins were needed in the village although no particular sites were suggested. The Parish Council will assess the need within the village for more litter bins and seek advice from the Borough Council about positioning these items.

Salt Bins

The Parish Council feels there is a need for an additional Salt Bin on The Hill and will request the County Council to provide such a facility.

Village Signs

The Parish Council feels the present village signs could be improved to welcome people entering the village and perhaps ask for caution from drivers. In particular, the approach to the village from the A66 junction is seen as in need of a suitable sign.

Flower Beds and Planters

Within the questionnaire, a number of people commented that they felt the villages could be improved by the addition of one or two flower beds, hanging baskets or planters. Obviously such items require maintenance although the Parish Council feels if a village caretaker is employed this could be one of his duties. Following the publication of the Plan, the Parish Council will assess the communal space in the village to see if any opportunities exist for this type of facility. One such site might be at the entrance of the junction opposite the Memorial Hall.

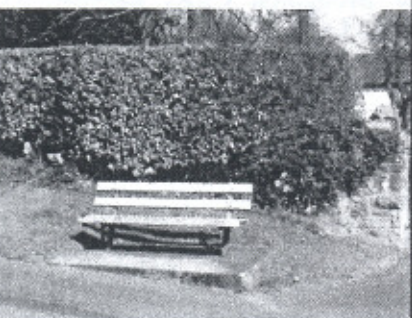
Roadside Verges and Hedges

It was noticeable how residents in the Parish took pride in the attractive roadside verges and hedges in the village and many commented how they added to the pleasant character of the Parish. The Parish Council will encourage landowners to maintain their boundaries within the Parish.

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling was one of the most frequently mentioned issues within the questionnaires and the Parish Council reminds parishioners that, within the 30 mph speed limits, all dog fouling on public areas including the greens, playground, roadside verges and pavements, is illegal and dog owners can be fined. The problem of dog fouling is something which could be eradicated given the co-operation of dog owners and the Parish Council strongly supports Allerdale Borough Council's policy of enforcement of the penalties for dog fouling, and will take any necessary action. Where appropriate, the Parish Council will seek to erect "dog waste bins" and the Parish Council will support the legal enforcement of the law that requires residents clear up after their dogs.

Community Services



The consultations within the Parish have underlined some of the community issues which need to be addressed in the Parish. Some are the responsibility of higher authorities to assist or remedy, but for others the solution is within the Parish community

There is the need to retain and improve the Memorial Hall as a multi-functional facility for the village. It is clearly impractical in a small rural community to have a building for every purpose, therefore in order to provide as wide a range of facilities as possible the development of multi-purpose facilities is seen as vital for the future of community activity in the Parish. It is also considered important that the room in the Methodist Chapel is retained for community use as a community of this size needs two meeting rooms. It is significant that in all the surveys, discussions and meetings support for these facilities has been unanimous.

The importance of the Memorial Hall can not be underestimated and a section of the plan is devoted to this building in a later chapter.

Post Office & Shop

A further important community facility is the Post Office & Shop. This shop offers many in the village a popular and convenient service and the Parish Council will support any measures, which can be taken to protect the viability of this service. It is perhaps significant that since the Post Office in Cockermouth moved to Station Street, residents of Cockermouth have been using Brigham Post Office where they have parking immediately available.

Recycling

Many residents in the Parish expressed their disappointment that the recycling facilities at the Lime Kiln had been removed when the property was put up for sale. In fact 87% of respondents supported the need for a new recycling site and the Parish Council are grateful to the Wheatsheaf Inn for allowing the bins to be stationed in their premises.

Public Seats.

Public seats in the Parish are provided and maintained by the Parish Council. In general, the Council feels the present seats are properly sited. Additional seats are being considered for The Square and near Cuckoo Arch when funding is available.

Community Services



Bus Services

The Parish Council is aware of the difficulties bus companies have in running economic bus services to rural villages. However, the Council does feel that a better evening service could be provided to and from Cockermouth and perhaps the times for daytime bus services to Workington improved to allow residents to plan shopping or leisure opportunities better. Many of the teenagers in the village could benefit by a better evening bus service to Cockermouth where there are sports and leisure facilities they could enjoy with their friends from Cockermouth School.



The Play Area

The playground at Lawson Garth was opened in 2002. The land was purchased by the Parish Council and the funding, over £25,000 was raised by Brigham Playground Association. The Playground is now the responsibility of the Parish Council who will supervise maintenance and repair of the area on behalf of the Parish. The provision of this playground was a major success and provided a much needed facility in the Parish. The Playground is located next to a football field owned by the Education Authority and this is used for sports and training also.



Broughton Cross Recreation Field

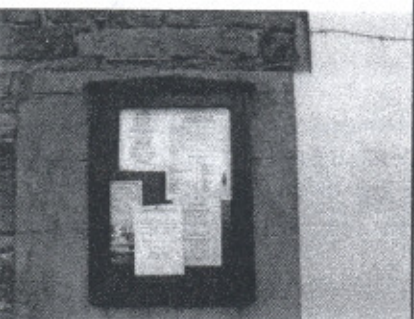
This communal play area is an important and well loved facility in Broughton Cross village. The area is currently looked after by a small committee of residents who raise funding to maintain the area, provide insurance and stage local fun days and other events. During the Plan consultations discussions have taken place with the Broughton Cross Recreation Committee about the future of this play area as it seems to be an anomaly that the residents of Broughton Cross have to raise funding for the insurance and maintenance of this communal space in the village and also through their Parish Council Tax contribute towards other such spaces in the Parish.



The Parish Council agree that this is a position which needs to be reviewed and will discuss with the Broughton Cross Committee the possibility of bringing this area into the Parish Facilities but at the same time ensuring the Broughton Cross Recreation Committee retain management of the Land.

Notice Boards

The Parish Council feels there are sufficient Notice Boards to serve the Parish at the present time.



Community Caretaker Scheme

For some time, the Parish Council has considered employing a village caretaker to act as a good neighbour and undertake works to the environment of the Parish. In any Parish, the Parish Council undertakes works to the environment of the village and maintains various items of property belonging to the Parish Council in order that the appearance of the Parish is maintained and property is kept in a safe condition. Sub-contractors often undertake this work but a village caretaker available on a part time basis could respond to problems more quickly and in the long-term such a post could perhaps reduce costs to the Parish Council.

As part of the Plan deliberations, an initial application has been made to the Countryside Agency for a Community Services grant which would assist in setting up a caretaking project. Community Scheme grants are made under the Vital Villages Programme and are designed to assist Parish Councils to improve their villages and environment.

Obviously, the employment of a village caretaker would be a major step by the Parish Council and it is felt that there would be sufficient work to employ a caretaker for 2 days per week. This would ensure that the Parish Council could control when works were undertaken more easily than if sub-contractors are used.

The programme of works which will be undertaken by the caretaker is as follows:

- *Strim and keep clear Parish land and verges*
- *Maintain areas around public seats*
- *Paint public seats*
- *Check Parish Council Play Equipment on Play Areas*
- *Clean and paint bus shelters as required*
- *Cut back hedges overgrowing public footpaths*
- *Spray and clear weeds to estate footways and paths*
- *Cut grass in communal areas*
- *Empty litter bins and dog bins*
- *Maintain tubs and planters*
- *Offer low cost gardening services to vulnerable tenants in summer*
- *Offer low cost decorating services to vulnerable tenants in winter*
- *Report vandalism on estates.*

Broughton Parish Council

Broughton Parish Council have recently obtained a Community Services Grant from the Countryside Agency towards the cost of a village caretaker and have further grant applications in the pipeline. Broughton intend to employ a caretaker on a part time basis and subject to approval of both Councils' insurers it might be possible to work with Broughton to allow the caretaker to work separately for the two Parish Councils' but use common equipment such as a trailer etc and base. This would mean that insurance cover would be in place whichever Parish the caretaker was working in but it might be necessary to have some duplicate tools and equipment. The attraction of having a joint scheme would be that the person appointed will have a fulltime job rather than part time.

The Countryside Agency have now approved the Councils' application and there is sufficient Funding to employ a caretaker for two years on a part time basis. Discussions are ongoing with Broughton Parish Council to share an employee and a decision will be taken quite soon.

Brigham Memorial Hall



Background

Brigham Memorial Hall is located in the centre of the Village of Brigham which has a population of around 800 residents. The Hall was built in 1921 as a Memorial to those from Brigham who fought in the 1st World War. When it was built, its capacity was assessed at 350 but modern regulations now limit this to 150 persons at any one time. The Hall has a valid entertainment licence issued by Allerdale Borough Council.

For over fifty years the Hall has been a vital focal point of village life where village organisations meet and enjoy the company of their friends and neighbours. Over the years, the Hall has been host to many village clubs and annual events like the Flower Show and New Year Eve Dances are attended by people from all over the district. The availability of this Hall and the Chapel rooms is essential to all village organisations who rely on these Meeting Places to carry out their activities or to raise funds.

Like many Halls built in the 1920's, Brigham Memorial Hall is beginning to show its age and whilst there is an efficient and enthusiastic Management Committee who have constantly maintained the Hall, there are now a number of improvements or repairs required to see the Hall well into the 21st century.

Conscious of the slow deterioration of the Hall, the Management Committee have agreed to undertake a programme of works and improvements to the building and to install facilities and equipment which will attract new users. The Committee are seeking to undertake these works at an economic cost which will allow the present leasing charges to remain affordable for local clubs and organisations.

Internally the following facilities are available

Hall with end stage

Kitchen

Gentlemen's WC

Ladies WC

Storage under stage.

The Hall is heated by gas with a wet system

The Hall is located centrally in the village but has no car park or private car parking facilities and users use roads adjacent to the Hall for Parking. There are two entrance doors one of which is suitable for wheelchair access.

Brigham Memorial Hall

Ownership

The Memorial Hall is a Trust Property held upon trust for the inhabitants of Brigham Parish. The property is registered with the Charity Commissioners Number 520294.

Objectives

Its objectives are set out in its Trust Deed as being for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Brigham without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

Trustees

There are provisions within the Trust Deed for up to six trustees to be appointed and the Deed sets out the conditions relating to the Management of the Hall.

The present trustee is Mrs M Allport but it is anticipated that three new trustees will be appointed shortly.

Hall Management Committee

The day to day running of the Hall is administered by a Committee of Management comprising eight elected Members and nine representative members and may include no more than three co-opted members. Elected Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting and representative Members are appointed by the following organisations.

Brigham Parish Council	Brigham Methodist Chapel
Brigham Gardeners Club	St. Bridget's Church Parochial Church Council

The Trust Deed allows all properly constituted organisations in the Parish to be represented on the Hall Committee and the Committee would welcome new Members who wish to appoint a representative to serve on the Hall Committee.

The officers of the Management Committee are

Chairman	Mr B Furness
Vice-Chair	Mr R Burns
Secretary	Mrs S Earley
Treasurer	Mr P F Tew

Committee : Mr T Carroll, Mrs G Goulding, Mr W Goulding and Mrs E Armstrong

Booking System

The current booking system is by contacting the booking secretary whose details are posted outside the Hall.

Current Hire Charges

£5.00 per hour £40.00 per day £40.00 per eve (6-12) Art Stands £25.00 hire

Brigham Memorial Hall

Existing users,
Other users in last twelve months
Potential users, Would use increase if the hall improved?

Existing Users

Organisation	Frequency		
Beavers	Once weekly		
Aikido	Twice weekly		
Dancesize	weekly		
Streetdance	weekly		
Pilates	Weekly		
Step Aerobics	Weekly		
Gardeners	5 times per year		
Friendship Club	10 times per year		
Bantam Show	Annually		

Organisation	Frequency		
Parties	7		
Dances	7		
Church events	3		
Parish Council	2		
Band Practice & dancing practice	32		
Boot sales	1		
School	2		
Allerdale Borough Council	4		

Potential additional users

Organisation	Day/week	How Long	
Youth Club			
Over 60's Club			
Bingo Club*			*to raise hall funding
Lunch Club			
Local History Group			

Brigham Memorial Hall

Users

The Tables set out on the previous page show the number of existing users and perhaps more importantly potential users of the Hall if the improvements under consideration are carried out. The Management Committee believe that in order to attract new users, facilities for the disabled, more comfortable conditions in respect of heating etc are needed. Of course the building has to be sufficiently attractive to encourage users to use Brigham Memorial Hall in preference to other Meeting Places in the District.

There are no real restrictions in respect of use but obviously if the Hall is to attract wedding Parties etc it must measure up to those standards and for the Hall Management Committee this is the standard which is being aimed at.

The Committee feel if the works proposed can be undertaken there is no reason why there can not be increased use of the Hall as no one group would be excluded from using the premises due to its design and layout.

Marketing Strategy

Later in this document, steps are outlined for a small sub-group who would be able to concentrate their efforts on marketing the Hall in co-ordination with the Booking Secretary.

It is essential bookings are carefully co-ordinated, particularly use by outside bodies in order to ensure the hall will be available for important events in the village such as the flower shows and to give some free dates for private parties etc.

However, with the relatively low use of the Hall in day-time there are ample opportunities to increase use for clubs etc and a small sub-group is seen as the way forward to investigate these ideas.

The type of additional users might be outreach health services, Services or Clubs for elderly e.g. Age Concern Lunch Club and Youth services.

Access

At present, the Hall is accessible to wheelchair users but the toilet facilities do not meet current day standards and this is a matter being looked at currently by the Hall Management Committee.

Brigham Memorial Hall

Current Financial Position as at 31st December 2002

Income		Expenditure	
Income from lettings	2555.00	Day to Day running cost	
Income from Donations	2150.00	Excluding heating	1965.31
Management events/raffle	147.25	Heating Costs	1474.94
Other income	169.40		
		Interior decoration*	1620.00
		Curtain renewal*	2545.33
	Total 5021.65		Total 7605.58
		*One off costs	

These figures show the real difficulty Hall Committees have in balancing their finance to maintain a working balance and at the same time undertake necessary renewals and repairs to keep their building in good order.

In these accounts, Heating amounts to 57% of the lettings income and this is an issue the Committee are aware of and anxious to reduce in future years.

The total running costs of £3440.25 offset against letting income of £2555.00 shows a deficit of £885.25.00 the Committee wish to close this gap by achieving economies on items such as heating or by increasing usage within the same weekly outgoings.

What is clear is that within these present income and expenditure totals there is little room to introduce a renewals fund to cater for long term maintenance and the Committee are aware that such items in the short term will have to be paid for by grants from other funder's or by holding special fund raising events in the Hall.

In reality it will be a combination of the two and the steps outlined later in this report to set up special sub-groups to look at Marketing, Fundraising and maintaining the Hall are seen as essential if the gap between income and expenditure is to be bridged.

It is for the reasons outlined above, the Management Committee and the Parish Council are anxious to inform residents of the Parish about the importance of supporting the Meeting Places in the Parish.

Brigham Memorial Hall

Existing Condition of Hall

The Hall is 82 years old and is mostly constructed in the original materials used when it was built. Over the period since it was built, the Hall has been altered very little and as an example of its kind it is mainly in very good condition. Over the years, successive Management Committees have maintained the hall and where possible updated fixtures and fittings such as the kitchen and WC facilities and the electrical system has also been upgraded to the standard required in a public hall.

Externally, the rendered brickwork walls are in good condition and the tiled roof shows no visible signs of wear although it might be prudent to undertake more detailed examination bearing in mind the age of the roof. It was not possible to determine whether there is insulation to the loft.

The external timbers forming the barge boards, fascias and soffits are however in need of redecoration and there may be areas at the rear which need replacement. However, bearing mind the rear is two story with very difficult access it would be better to replace all timber on the rear elevation including windows with UPVC to avoid extremely extensive maintenance on this elevation in the future. The existing windows are of timber and are single glazed. The Hall would benefit from PVC double glazed windows to help reduce heating costs and future maintenance.

There are two access points for the public into the Hall. The Main entrance on the west side has three steps and is used when large functions are being held. The entrance to the front is smaller but has the advantage of being at pavement level suitable for wheelchair use.

There are no disabled toilet facilities in the building and the present arrangements are not suitable. However, the Committee are conscious of the need for such facilities and plans are being formulated to provide DAP facilities and these proposals are part of the short term strategy of the Management Committee.

The kitchen is in excellent condition having been improved fairly recently and the internal fabric of the hall and items such as curtains to the windows and stage are also in excellent condition having been restored not too long ago. Internal decoration is good.

The heating system is a combination of a reasonably modern gas boiler feeding an old fashioned wet system comprising cast iron radiators. A major defect of this system appears to be that the pipe work is under the main floor of the hall and if any major problems were to occur there could be major problems with the floor which itself is showing signs of wear with its age. At present the heating system does not have a timed facility due to the fear of bursts occurring but this increases costs and perhaps this problem can be addressed by the Committee as part of their short term strategy.

The hall also lacks storage facilities although this issue is more difficult to solve. In its present design the hall is capable of use for quite large dances, shows events etc and if space was taken away from the Hall floor area this could work against attracting users. On the other hand several of the current users have requested secure storage space which at present is not available.

A further suggestion has been considered by the Management Committee which is to install fold back partitions within the Hall. This would allow a smaller more compact room to be formed and this might allow more use to be made of the hall and create a warmer Committee Room. This idea will be considered further when more information is known.

Brigham Memorial Hall

Maintenance Strategy

As described overleaf, the hall is currently in quite good condition with the exception of external timbers, windows and minor needs for the heating system. The hall does lack proper facilities for use by disabled persons however. During the next few years, the Committee feel these problems need to be addressed if the cost of running the hall is to remain economic and universal use by all is to be achieved.

The following Maintenance programme is thereby being suggested for consideration by the Hall Committee.

Short Term Measures

Maintenance

- Consider installing alternative time controls and thermostats to heating system to ensure heating is only used when necessary. This would include measures to ensure frost precautions.
- Replace all external timber fascias, soffits and barge boards with UPV.
- Check and renew where necessary rear eavesgutters and downpipes when scaffolding erected for timber replacement.
- Replace rear windows with PVC double glazed units (to be undertaken at same time as external timber replacements)
- Replace front and gable windows with PVC double glazed units
- Insulate loft if required.

Improvements

- Undertake works of re-arrangement of existing ladies and gents sanitary accommodation to provide private disabled toilet facilities.

Estimated Costs

At the time of the preparation of the plan, estimates have not yet been obtained for the works required. The Hall Committee are however committed to improving the hall to this standard and over the next few years will be working towards obtaining the funding for the following works.

- Alterations to Heating System
- Replacement of external timber as described
- Check and renew rainwater goods
- Replace existing rear timber windows with PVC D.G. units
- Replace front and gable windows with pvc D.G units
- Insulate loft
- **Disabled facilities costs**
Estimates will be obtained for providing suitable DAP facilities including all permissions and supervision. The Committee will then seek funding for this project.

Brigham Memorial Hall

The Future

- Are the present users fairly permanent?*
- What will be done to attract new users?*
- Should more people be involved on the Committee?*
- How will the improvement works be managed?*
- Will the Management Committee arrange events?*

There is no doubt that the use people make of Village Halls is changing as the years progress and other forms of leisure are available. Nevertheless a Community Hall or Meeting Place available to all is still the most important facility needed to nurture community spirit. In Brigham Parish, the Memorial Hall with its ideal layout, stage facilities and accessibility within the village provides this focus for village life and the Committee feel that if the improvements required can be undertaken the hall can serve the village well into this new century.

Present Users

At present the Hall is quite busy during the evenings with several nights having two sessions of use. The Committee would like to see this extended more in the daytime and their future strategy will address this point.

Marketing

Until now, the Hall has in effect sold itself in that there has never in recent years been a shortage of users and the income has by and large covered the expenditure with the exception of major items where some fund raising has been necessary. However, there is now much more competition for peoples time and the Committee are conscious that in future it may be necessary to actively market the building in order to keep costs covered. Over the next twelve months a marketing strategy will be prepared in consultation with other organisations such as Voluntary Action Cumbria, The Youth Service and Local groups.

Management Committee

The Trust Deed sets out the composition of the Management Committee and it might be difficult to substantially change this. It may however, be possible to form one or more sub-groups of the Committee whose roles would be to concentrate of one aspect of the needs of the building and report regularly to the Main Committee. Such sub-groups could be Marketing Sub-Group, Fundraising Sub Group, Facilities Sub-Group. If this concept was accepted, additional people within the village or Hall users could become involved and this would strengthen the Management Committee overall.

Management of Improvements

It is the Committee's view that if the works described are undertaken it will be necessary from the point of view of Health & Safety regulations that professional supervision will need to be employed.

Committee Sponsored Events

The Management Committee are conscious of the need for fundraising events and village occasions to be organised and as stated previously are looking at re-structuring the Committee to enlarge the number of people involved and organise matters to allow more involvement with the Community. These changes should work in with the proposed marketing strategy and encourage more use of the Hall particularly during the day time period.

The Recommendations from the Village Hall Management Committee are as follows:-

Brigham Memorial Hall

Brigham Memorial Hall Management Committee

Summary Statement of Proposed Changes

In order to improve the Facilities and services available in the Brigham Memorial Hall the following proposals are made.

- *To review the Management Structure to enable more people to become involved and assist in increasing services and use of the Hall*
- *To provide Sanitary facilities for Disabled and Elderly Infirm users*
- *To offer clubs and organisations in the village additional services with the support of the Management Committee*
- *To upgrade the central heating system and insulation value of the building to reduce costs*
- *To renew external soffits, fascias and barge boards*
- *To renew existing single glazed timber windows with PVC double glazed units to reduce future maintenance costs and provide additional insulation*
- *To consider installing a fold-back partition to enable a smaller room to be created when necessary for smaller groups*
- *To develop a marketing strategy for the hall and hold fundraising events to increase the income generated for the building*



Parish Newsletter

Many Parish Councils currently produce a Parish Newsletter every quarter, and a copy is delivered to every house in the Parish. In Brigham, the St Bridget's Parish News is produced monthly to keep residents up to date with Parish affairs, and includes information with regard to the church, the chapel, parish groups and committees, future events, reports on past events, and items of general interest to parishioners. There is no doubt that a Parish Newsletter would improve communication in the Parish and the Parish Council will discuss with the producers of the St Bridget's Parish News whether a joint newsletter could be produced with the Parish Council making a contribution towards the cost.

Parish Web Site

The possibility of creating a Parish Web Site has also been discussed. It is possible that such a project could receive grant funding, and the Parish Council will seek further information on this once the Parish Plan is published. A Parish Web Site could usefully include some of the pictures and information collected for the Plan for use in a web site although it has to be said that these sites need constant updating.

Notice Boards

The Parish Council has a notice board in each of the two villages. In addition, notices can be posted in the Post Office and the Memorial Hall. These facilities are well used and provide an essential service to the residents. The Parish Council there is any need at present for additional notice boards within the parish or for the re-siting of any of the current notice boards.

Community Map

The Parish Council considers that the production of a community map would be of great benefit. Such a map would identify every property or group of properties in the Parish by name as well as showing street names and house numbers where appropriate. Copies of this map would be distributed to the emergency services and other bodies to assist with finding houses when necessary, and would also be available to the community.

Recommendations/actions

- *The Parish Council will maintain a Notice Board in each Village also available to other local groups to publicise their own activities.*
- *The Parish Council will seek funding for the provision of Village Maps identifying all homes and roads in the Parish together with a campaign to encourage owners to clearly identify their properties.*

Parish Safety

Although the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Parish is comparatively small, under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act, the Parish Council has a duty to consider the impact of all its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area. This is not a new concept, but central government is now keen to ensure that local police forces and the rural communities are working together to try to reduce crime and improve safety generally. In the Parish of Brigham there has been an active Neighbourhood Watch for many years, which has had the financial backing and support of the Parish Council. The Parish Council also has a good relationship with the local police who are available to discuss and act on matters of concern. For example, the police have provided targeted patrols in response to vandalism problems with a successful outcome.

In this Parish Plan, the Parish Council has considered ways in which the general safety of the Parish residents can be improved. To assist in this, local police officers have been consulted, as any initiative would need their support in order to succeed. The consensus of opinion is that if the fear of crime, whether real or perceived, and actual crime problems are to be reduced in the Parish, more practical measures are necessary. These would cover the protection of property, education, and personal safety, and involve working together with the police.

Parish Safety Group

An active Parish Safety Group can be established which has the benefit of police support and advice, real progress can be made in respect of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. Such a group can be given statistics of incidents relating to their Parish and, from this information, identify areas of concern and obtain advice on how to improve a situation. Often simple measures to improve problems, such as erecting a fence, improving lighting, or even taking out bushes where criminals could hide, are effective. For householders, a Crime Prevention Officer can undertake a survey and give guidance on crime prevention matters for an individual property. Cumbria Police had indicated that they would support any parish that formed a Parish Safety Group and would provide a Liaison Officer to work with them.

Ultimately, improved crime prevention will have to come with the help of the residents of the Parish together with police involvement. The recommendation of the Parish Council is that a Parish Safety Group should be formed to work with the police to improve overall safety in the Parish. Such a group would incorporate the work currently being done by Neighbourhood Watch, and would be formed from a cross-section of the community. Financial support towards administration costs would continue to be given by the Parish Council if necessary. A similar group in the neighbouring Parish of Broughton has already been established and residents have supported its formation and already active measures are being undertaken to reduce crime and disorder problems.

The Parish Council believes that increasing the awareness and responsibilities of parishioners in this way can only be to the benefit of everyone living in the community and have taken up an offer by Broughton Parish Council to send representative from Brigham to the Broughton Safety Group Meetings where crime prevention issues can be discussed. It is the view of both Council's that a joint group is the best arrangement for both Council's to ensure better policing of the area.

Recommendation/actions

- *The Parish Council will accept representation on the Broughton Safety Group to discuss issues mutual to both Parishes.*
- *The Parish Council will continue to seek additional street lighting on the Lane leading to Brigham Hill Mansions properties to improve security.*

Public Rights of Way

Brigham Parish has a number of attractive footpaths and bridleways which are well used by the residents. These, together with the quiet lanes, provide a variety of enjoyable and peaceful walks. Some of these paths are the routes once used by miners and agricultural workers and their historical significance is important to the Parish. Almost all paths have extensive views either over the River Derwent Valley or across the Lakeland fells giving a variety of walks to locals and visitors to the area.



For many years these paths have been watched over by Parish Councillors who have kept overhanging branches and brambles to a minimum and reported serious problems.

Minor maintenance continues to be organised by the Parish Council, which regards this work as important for the Parish and if a village caretaker is obtained his duties will include works to paths for the benefit of residents.

From the consultation included in the questionnaires, 49% indicated they were satisfied with the Public Footpaths in the Parish although there were some comments about some paths being blocked off. 43% felt there was a need for additional paths but no specific suggestions were included as to where they might be formed. A number of people concluded that the quarries if properly planned could provide interesting walks close to the village for local residents.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the condition and access to public rights of way within the Parish and welcome the involvement of the Countryside Agency in respect of new legislation affecting public footpaths.

Recommendations/Actions

- *The Parish Council will regularly monitor the condition and availability of access to all Public Rights of Way within the Parish.*
- *The Parish Council will undertake a survey of Public Rights of Way in the Parish to determine their condition and to ensure all paths are free to walk.*
- *The Parish Council will seek to produce a leaflet showing all rights of way within the Parish for use by residents and visitors to the area.*
- *The Parish Council will seek the erection of a footbridge linking Broughton and Brigham as part of regeneration proposals for the area.*

Rebuild Penny Bridge?



PENNY BRIDGE BROUGHTON

For many years, the Parishes of Brigham and Broughton were connected across the River Derwent by two bridges. To the east is the large stone built bridge still in use as the access to Broughton.

The second bridge was a footbridge which it is thought was originally built to provide a short cut for miners from Brigham and Broughton Cross travelling to work at pits in Broughton and Broughton Moor. The Bridge ran from the bottom of Stonybeck Lane across to Penny Bridge Farm. Miners using this bridge had to pay a toll of 1 penny at the farm, hence the name "Penny Bridge" which is still the name of the farm alongside the River today.

Penny Bridge was eventually washed away in a major flood and for a time was replaced by a wire rope and a ferry boat across the river until there was a fatal accident when the ferry was done away with.

Although built primarily for miners, the bridge also provided a vital social link between the two Parishes which have long historical connections. These links are still strong today and many residents have relatives in both Parishes.

The Parishes are now separated by the new A66 major road along which there is a constant stream of traffic making crossing for pedestrians difficult. In recent years there has been a succession of accidents at the junction on the road which is used to gain access to the two villages and within the plan consultations it has been suggested that a new footbridge across the river would re-establish a safe link between the two villages.

It is appreciated this may be an ambitious idea but as traffic speed and size continues to grow on the trunk road, alternative ways have to be found to allow people in rural areas whose life is affected by major roads crossing their area to enjoy the area they live in. The re-building of Penny Bridge is one such way and the Parish Council will seek to consult with the Highways Authority to see if this project can be made to work.

Clubs & Organisations

Introduction

As part of the plan preparation, club or organisations in the village who wished to comment were consulted to obtain their views as an organisation about the future of the village. Without exception all felt village meeting places were an essential facility need in the village although their individual perceptions of what these should contain were different in each case.

The majority of the clubs felt that they required a meeting place in the Parish to hold their meetings in, to use for fund raising and for holding events attended by the public and most felt that they would support the need for facilities for the disabled and elderly infirm in the Memorial Hall. In some cases, the lack of suitable storage was blamed as a cause for a club not being able to expand or provide activity for young people.

It is interesting to observe that even though an organisation might not hold their regular meetings in the hall, most do use the hall for fund raising or celebrating an event at some time or another and a successful village hall is considered an important and vital facility for a village.

Outdoor recreational and sporting facilities were the second important issue raised by the clubs. Many felt that more facilities were needed for village children particularly supervised activities through clubs and some expressed the view that land within the village should be made available for this purpose. The need for a cycle link to Cockermouth was also suggested.

There was a call for a community worker to work with young people in the village and for better transport links with Cockermouth and Workington to enable clubs to join in activities in the major swimming pools and sports centres.

CONCLUSION

There is no doubt there is considerable concern within the Parish Clubs and organisations about the long term future of village meeting places and most indicated they would support the Hall and any events which might be provided to raise funds for the Memorial Hall or Chapel Room.

The following is a list of clubs currently active in the Parish:-

Brigham Play and Toddlers Group	Mr D Murray	01900 - 825145
Brigham Rainbows	Mrs S Mayoh	01900 - 819204
Brigham Brownies	Mrs S Gascoigne	01900 - 825377
Brigham Friendship Club	Mrs J Lawson	01900 - 64642
Brigham Gardeners Club	Mrs M Allport	01900 - 826932
Brigham Beavers	Mrs J Lishman	01900—826866
Broughton Cross Recreation Committee	Mrs K Williams	01900 - 828377
Brigham Methodist Chapel (contact)	Mr J Robinson	019009 - 825240
St Bridget's Church (contact)	Mr E P Lishman	01900—826866

St Bridget's School, Brigham

The Parish Council are grateful to Mrs V H Munby, the Headteacher of Brigham School who has provided the following vision in respect of St Bridget's School. The School is a vital part of Parish life allowing young children in the village to receive education in their own village among their own friends and the Parish Council will continue to support the school in future years.

ST BRIDGET'S SCHOOL

In 1990, our school had 59 pupils. This number had obviously changed over the years since the present school was built in 1875. However, changes to our society have also changed dramatically since this time. In years gone by, children in the school had been taught in Victorian style classrooms, in deed this had been so until I took over the school in 1990. The school then consisted of three classrooms, the old Class 3, Class 4 and the hall. Children in those days, not so long ago, were taught in a very different way to the way in which we expect to educate children in the 21st century.

In 1990, my first job was to oversee the building of new toilets, inside the school. This was a major improvement, especially for infants, who until this time had been expected to go outside, whatever the weather, to use facilities outside the secure confines of the school.

Since then, in order to keep pace with modern life and its requirements, the school has had additional facilities built over the years.

When I first took over the Headship, I did not have an 'office', neither did my secretary. The teaching staff had to share what could only be described as a cupboard space, with the Head and the secretary. Staff toilet facilities (one loo) were directly adjacent – not an acceptable situation in present day terms!

I next pursued opportunities to improve facilities for myself and the then staff of 4. A new staff room, and separate office, including small entrance hall were the next to be built.

In 1997, our Nursery facility was erected. In hindsight, I never envisaged the dramatic effect that this would have upon the school. Neither did I anticipate how the village of Brigham would grow.

Shortly after this we applied for funds to build two new classrooms for 'early years' children, and successfully managed to acquire funds to build what are now Classes 1 and 2, along with new cloakroom facilities.

No sooner had this project been completed when we were inundated with new applications to join the school. In particular, our new ventures into the Government's wishes to provide 'Wrap around care', in terms of the After School Club, then 'Acorns', attracted many new parents who wanted to use our facilities. I have to say at this point that these facilities could stand the test amongst others, in terms of the staffing, and care that we provide.

Since then we have built our new playground, desperately needed after the reduction of playground area due to the new classrooms. This summer has seen the creation of one large classroom from two smaller ones, and the purchase of a porta-cabin to compensate for the loss of a classroom. Victorian scale classrooms are no longer adequate for 21st century education.

St Bridget's School, Brigham

Running a successful and sought after school is very reassuring to me as Head Teacher, however, it presents problems in terms of the future. Where do we go from here?

Over the years I have heard people say, 'We want to keep Brigham School a village school. We want to keep our school small. We want to retain the school as it is. We don't want it to change.'

I applied for the Headship of St Bridget's because I firmly believed in the 'small village school' ideal. I believe that a school is an essential part of a village. However, in reality it is a very difficult ideal to maintain.

A small school must provide the same opportunities for its children as a larger one. This is not easy. Less staff, less equipment, less money, less facilities, make it increasingly difficult.

The school has doubled in size since 1990. We have a nursery in addition. Yet we still have issues which need to be faced as a larger, small school. Mixed age classes are extremely difficult to plan for and teach a curriculum to. There is constant juggling of numbers in order to maintain some parity between classes, and ensure that they do not get too big. Trying to maintain a balanced budget, keep the same numbers of staff to ensure the quality of teaching and learning remains high. Always in everyone's mind is the desire to give the children the best possible education we can within the limitations of the above.

Also, we must face the fact that all parents now have a choice with regard to which school their children attend. Most of our neighbouring schools have better facilities. Our closest neighbour now has single age classes. We must look to the future and keep up with the 'competition'. We must decide what we want for our school.

As the school has grown so has the need for larger facilities. The staff room is too small. The secretary's office is too cold, damp and lacks security. We do not have a proper entrance. The Foundation Stage classes need to be adjacent to each other and share a secure play area. Class 4 need a new classroom. We would like a playing field next to school. We would like to have an all weather pitch on site, basketball or suchlike, for community use also. We desperately need a car park for staff cars to ease the congestion outside school. Our hall is too small, we need more storage. The children's toilets are now inadequate for the numbers. Kid's Club and Acorns need room for storage. And so on.

My vision is to look towards the future and go for the ultimate. Single age classrooms eventually, new facilities for staff, an entrance hall, a playing field, a car park, proper Foundation Stage facilities. We need to extend and allow the school to grow. We also need to plan to keep class sizes to manageable levels ie 25 per class.

This can not happen at once. It will need to be phased over several years. Money needs to be acquired. We need your support, ideas and views.

Youth Issues

As part of the consultations, the Parish Council wishes to consider how to improve services for young people in the parish. It is, of course, impossible for major leisure facilities to be provided in all villages and, for many young people living in a rural area, this means that they are dependent on parents or friends for transport to amenities in nearby towns. Often this means two journeys for the driver involving a considerable amount of time and expense.

In considering its policy towards young people, therefore, the Parish Council have tried to set out its aims within this document so that for the future there are clear guidelines for the Parish Council, local organisations and the young people themselves. These aims can be summarised as follows

- To provide better facilities within the parish for young people.
- To ease access to facilities targeted at young people.
- To reduce antisocial behaviour.

There is no doubt that in a rural area without adequate bus services, young people can find it difficult to occupy their time. The Parish Council wishes to address this problem in the Plan. The present facilities for young people's leisure activities in the parish are:-

- The playground and village greens.
- Successful clubs including Rainbows, Brownies and Beavers.
- Occasional one-off events organised in the past by the various Committees.

For other leisure activities, young people in the parish need to access nearby towns.

Youth Shelter

Within the parish young people naturally meet to talk, but the lack of a suitable space especially in poor weather, makes it difficult for them to enjoy themselves. The bus shelter, on the Hill, is often used as a meeting place simply because it provides some cover. In all other respects it is not appropriate as it is too close to the road, and is enclosed with no windows, no lighting and no seat. A purpose built youth shelter would provide a valuable amenity in the parish. Parish Councillors have been impressed by the logic of the arguments put forward for a facility of this type to be found in the "Good Practice Guide" recently produced by Thames Valley Police. In Brigham, as in many other parishes, play equipment is provided for younger children but there is a gap in recreational facilities covering the adolescent years which can cause problems, and this has already been demonstrated in Brigham. Young people need somewhere to "hang out" together; somewhere that is accessible and free.

A youth shelter is "a structure designed to meet the social needs of young people – a sheltered place to sit and talk". It would have a roof, but would be open on all sides enabling all round visibility, 'natural policing' and safety for users. If necessary, partial screening can be provided on one or more sides as extra protection from wind and rain. Careful siting is essential as is involving the young people in the decision making process.

Youth Issues

Young People's Questionnaires

As part of the preparation of this Parish Plan, young people from the parish attending Brigham Primary School were invited to fill in a short questionnaire giving their views on the facilities needed in the parish. The items requested were as follows (figures in brackets represent the number of children making this request):-

- A football/sports pitch (3)
- A bike track with jumps (11)
- Youth Club (8)
- Basketball pitch/posts (3)
- Discos and film nights (3)
- Swimming facilities (5)
- Better links to Cockermouth (5)
- Better play equipment (3)
- Youth Shelter/Youth Hut (7)
- Bus shelters for school (14)
- More seats (6)

Obviously, some of these "wishes" are not practicable, but they do demonstrate the feelings of the young people in the parish. In particular, the two most popular items – a youth club and the bike track – are projects, which the Parish Council believes, should be seriously considered if appropriate sites could be found. There is, however, an underlying impression that the young people of the parish have mainly requested facilities that they believe it is possible to provide. They have discounted Internet facilities or clubs similar to The Reef in Cockermouth where young people of the same age can meet together.

It was also interesting to note that the older children thought that more bus shelters were needed where they could wait for school without getting wet. This is something the Parish Council should pursue with the young people to agree the siting of such shelters.

There is no doubt that the community needs to give their support and assistance to anyone providing leisure facilities in the parish for the young people living here. The Parish Council is grateful to those volunteers who give their time in order to organise and run the various Clubs. The Council will support additional efforts to increase leisure opportunities for young people in the Parish.

It is also clear that the village hall could be a vital facility in the parish as a venue for such activities. The Parish Council believes that consideration should be given to increasing the role that this building plays in providing leisure facilities. This would require more support from the community in general and, in particular, from the parents of the young people. The parents are, after all, best placed to assist those prepared to organise events and provide opportunities for the young people of the Parish.

Recommendation

- *The Parish Council believes that the young people of the parish would welcome and benefit from a youth shelter, and will consider provision of such a structure.*
- *The Parish Council will support the provision of additional youth services in the Parish.*
- *The Parish Council will discuss the provision of additional bus shelters and seats with young people in the Parish to determine their needs and suggestions for siting.*

Summary of Issues raised through Consultation

During the plan preparation and consultation process a number of issues were considered and the action plan which follows seeks to identify ways of dealing with issues in future years to the benefit of the Community. A summary of the main issues is listed below.

- The consultation process confirmed there is a strong feeling in the two villages that the housing development boundaries in the Allerdale Local Plan should remain as they are at present and not be extended in future Allerdale Local Plans with the possible exception for low cost housing in Broughton Cross.
- The residents of Broughton Cross are concerned about traffic speeding through the village and the speed of quarry traffic travelling through Broughton Cross.
- The residents of High Brigham are concerned about speed limits in the village, indiscriminate parking and blind corners and the lack of pavements within High Brigham
- Dog Fouling continues to be a major problem in the two villages.
- Traffic concerns in respect of speeding along the narrow roads in the Parish; HGV's using the roads as short cuts; damage to verges; were major complaints of many who replied to the questionnaire.
- There is strong support for the Parish Council's efforts to publicise and maintain Public Rights of Way.
- Young people in the Parish have expressed views that there should be more bus shelters and benches in the Parish including a dedicated Youth Shelter.
- The Parish Council support the Post Office Services within High Brigham.
- Residents have expressed a need for heritage features to be recorded and protected.
- The Parish Council will support any initiative to provide better Parking facilities for parents at Brigham Primary School.
- There is support from residents of the Parish for the Memorial Hall and the Methodist Rooms as vital Meeting Places in the Parish.
- The Parish Council will seek to produce joint Newsletters with St Bridget's Newsletter on a quarterly basis.
- There is strong concern about the former Police Headquarters in the Parish.
- There is support for retaining wild life habitats in the Parish.
- Residents have suggested an additional salt bin and litter bins should be provided.
- Many Residents have expressed their satisfaction with Brigham Parish as a place to live.
- Young people in the Parish would like to see a skate board or cycling track in the village.

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Production of this Parish Plan is a major achievement and the community and everyone involved is to be congratulated.

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Mr Keith Sproat, Ward Councillor

Mr Alan Clark, Councillor

Action Plan

The Recommendation	Action to be taken	Priority	Partners	Time-scale	Lead Group	Resource Implications
Planning Guidelines No extensions to the existing village development boundaries are appropriate in either village other than to fulfil local needs/affordable housing for young local people perhaps in Broughton Cross. Further estates of uniform standard housing are not considered appropriate for Brigham Parish. New landscaping should blend in with the surrounding landscape. Existing building lines should not be altered without due consideration of the resulting spatial effect. Old plot shapes should be retained unless there are good reasons for change. New housing should have regard to local vernacular style and local characteristic features with local materials incorporated wherever possible. Appropriate traditional buildings should be restored rather than demolished. When undertaking alterations, owners should seek to preserve local features whenever possible. Garden boundaries should be in local materials and the use of inappropriate hedging is to be discouraged. Garages should be unobtrusive, set back and behind the house if possible and all new properties should have off road parking.	The Parish Council will submit these guidelines to the Planning Department of the Borough Council as suggestions for inclusion in the next review of the Allerdale Local Plan to be commenced in 2004. If accepted these guidelines will be taken into account when the Parish Council consider Planning Applications for development in the Parish.	Medium	Parish Council Allerdale B C	Within three months	Parish Council	None

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Recommendations - Brigham Memorial Hall						
The Parish Council recognise the importance of the Brigham Memorial Hall and will support all efforts by the Management Committee to improve the Hall as set out in this document.	Memorial Hall Committee have received copy of study undertaken as part of plan consultations and have agreed to consider recommendations set out.	High	Memorial Hall Committee	2 years	Memorial Hall Committee	PC—None
Recommendations - Media & Communications						
The Parish Council will maintain a Notice Board in each Village also available to other local groups to publicise their own activities.	Availability of Notice boards will be publicised	Medium	Parish Council Parish Newsletter	3 months	Parish Council	None
The Parish Council will seek funding for the provision of Village Maps identifying all homes and roads in the Parish together with a campaign to encourage owners to clearly identify their properties. All residents to receive a map.	Parish Council will seek advice from local agencies about how to proceed. Residents will be encouraged to form community group	Medium	Parish Council VAC	1 year	Parish Council	Initial grant to set up group—approx £100 Maps -£1000
Recommendation/Actions						
The Parish Council will accept representation on the Broughton Safety Group.	Representatives already attend meetings	Ongoing	Parish Council; Broughton P C	Ongoing	Broughton P C	Not yet assessed
Recommendations/Actions						
- The Parish Council will regularly monitor the condition and availability of access to all Public Rights of Way within the Parish. - The Parish Council will undertake a survey of Public Rights of Way in the Parish to determine their condition and to ensure all paths are free to walk.	Parish Council will organise survey of all PROW to determine condition and accessibility. Results will be reported to County Rights of Way Officer.	High	Parish Council Cumbria CC	Summer 2003/4	Brigham PC	None
Recommendation						
- The Parish Council believes that the young people of the Parish would welcome and benefit from a youth shelter, and will consider provision of such a structure. - The Parish Council will support the provision of additional youth services in the Parish - The Parish Council will discuss the provision of additional bus shelters and seats with young people in the Parish to determine their needs and suggestions for siting.	Parish Council will consult with young people in the Parish to discuss the issues raised by young people in the Plan Consultation	High	Parish Council	6 months	Parish Council	Could be £2500

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Recommendations—The Village Environment						
The Parish Council will request the County Council to survey pavements in High Brigham to determine whether additional pavements can be provided or existing one widened to improve safety for young children and parents with prams.	Initial Meeting with County Council to request survey of paths.	Medium	Parish Council Cumbria CC	Within 3 months	Parish Council	Long term implications not known at this stage
Additional litter bins will be provided in areas where a need can be justified.	Parish Councillors will consult residents to determine areas where litter bin is needed	Medium	Parish Council Allerdale B C	Within 6 months	Parish Council	Cost of additional bins will be approx £250 per bin None to PC
The Parish Council will request the County Council to provide an additional salt bin on The Hill	Request to Cumbria CC	High	Parish Council Cumbria CC	Before winter 2003	Parish Clerk	
The Parish Council will request Cumbria County Council to give consideration to the provision of new Village Signs at entry points to the Parish.	Request to Cumbria CC	Medium	Parish Council Cumbria CC	Within 12 months	Parish Council	Not known
The Council will consider providing planted areas etc if resources and suitable sites can be found	Council will review opportunities once decision about village caretaker taken	Medium	Parish Council	No set time-scale	Parish Council	Project will be costed for future budgets
The Parish Council will support all measures by the Borough Council to reduce Dog Fouling in the Parish	Liaison with Environmental Wardens	High	Parish Council Allerdale B C	Ongoing	Allerdale B c	
Recommendations—Community Services						
The Parish Council will discuss the future management and maintenance of the Broughton Cross recreational Field with the Broughton Cross Recreation Association	Initial Meeting with Recreation Association to discuss way forward.	High	Parish Council Broughton Cross Rec. Association	Before February 2004	Parish Council	Caretaker may check equipment
Recommendations—Village Caretaker						
Parish Council will decide whether to employ a Village Caretaker	Meeting of Parish Council to make final decision	High	Parish Council Broughton Parish Council	3 months	Parish Council	Scheme to be costed over 5 year programme
If it is decided to proceed, Council will hold joint discussions with Broughton Parish Council in respect of shared facilities and equipment if employee serves both authorities	Meeting with Broughton Parish Council to discuss possible arrangements	High				

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The Recommendation	Action to be taken	Priority	Partners	Time-scale	Lead Group	Resource Implications
Recommendations - Housing - The Parish Council will support the provision of more affordable housing in the Parish for local people. - The Parish Council wishes to see a diversity of mixed housing that complements the environment of the area. New Housing to be limited to village infill. - Wherever possible traditional older buildings should be converted to housing rather than demolition and rebuild schemes.	The Parish Council will request Allerdale B C to appoint the Cumbria Rural Housing Group to undertake a Housing Needs survey in the Parish to confirm local need claimed within the Plan consultation process.	High	Parish Council Allerdale B C Cumbria Rural Housing Group	Within three months	Allerdale B C	None
Recommendations - Traffic Issues High Brigham - A speed limit of 20 mph through High Brigham from east of the village to the junction with old A66 and along minor roads to Low Brigham. - Better signposts indicating the village and its narrow Main Street urging caution to drivers entering the village. Perhaps a solar slow down sign to greet traffic entering from the Moor Road at the eastern end of the village. - Visible road markings of bottlenecks and blind corners within the village. - The present 30 mph sign entering from the east to be moved to the start of the residential development. With a limit of 20 mph. Broughton Cross - Seek reduction of speed through Broughton Cross - Approach Quarry Company to request drivers to respect speed limits. - Parish Council will monitor new A66 Junction. - Parish Council will monitor improvements outside school to determine whether they are sufficient. - Parish Council will consider suggestion for railings along School Brow.	The Parish Council seek a Meeting with the County Council to review the issues raised during the Plan consultation and request a traffic survey be undertaken to determine what issues can be resolved. Parish Council will request Quarry Company to advice drivers of speed limits through Broughton Cross and dangers to residents. Parish Council will meet with School Governors to discuss safe routes to school for local children.	Medium High High	Parish Council Cumbria County Council Parish Council Quarry Company Parish Council School Governors	Within 6 months Within 3 months Within 3 months	Parish Council Quarry Company Parish Council	Long term funding implications not yet know. Majority would fall on County Council who are responsible for high-way matters Not known Not known

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Wildlife Recommendations - Wildlife habitats and corridors within the Parish should be protected and enhanced; this includes quarries, hedges, trees and water features such as ponds, and the springs and watercourses that feed them. - The River Derwent and its tributaries should be kept clear of pollution to maintain a healthy environment for birds, fish and other aquatic creatures, such as otters. - Any new developments should ensure protection of existing wildlife and natural habitats in line with the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Developers should seek opportunities for enhancement. - Any future community map will incorporate important wildlife habitat and corridors for future protection.	Parish Council will monitor any new developments in Parish to ensure natural environment is protected and watercourses are not polluted.. Future planning applications will be examined to ensure environment is protected or enhanced. Parish Council will include relevant wild life information in Community Map where disclosure will not place wildlife at risk	Medium	Parish Council Local Community	Monitoring will take place from now on.	Parish Council Local Residents	None
Recommendations - Heritage Features The Parish Council will support measures to protect important heritage features in the Parish and will support any heritage group established to further this aim.	The Parish Council will canvass support in the Parish Newsletter and may provide initial funding to support the formation of a local heritage group.	Medium	Parish Council Local Community	Within one year	Parish Council	Possible starter grant of £100.00
Recommendations - Employment - The Parish Council will support the formation of small-scale businesses in the parish. - The Parish Council will support home working where appropriate. - The Parish Council will monitor the siting of business premises to ensure that their usage and traffic generated are acceptable. - The Parish Council will support the initiative to provide IT training within the village hall. - The Parish Council will proactively encourage and support measures to introduce broadband to the area as soon as possible.	Parish Council will monitor planning applications to ensure siting does not impinge of residents privacy and enjoyment of home. Parish Council will discuss use of Memorial Hall for IT training with Memorial Hall Committee.	Medium	Parish Council Memorial Hall Committee	Within one year	Parish Council	None