STAINTON
PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY PLAN
2010

A Plan for the community was prepared in 2003 and copies given to every household.

The Plan provided a focus for the Parish Council and others to address the needs of the people of Stainton.

In July 2009 a secondary survey was carried out and achieved a very good response rate. This survey showed the majority of people are still very satisfied and love life in Stainton.

Significant progress has been made with many of the issues identified in 2003, but there are still matters of concern and many of these relate to issues outside the direct control of the Parish Council.

Set out on the following page is a summary of the achievements and progress made and a summary of all those matters requiring further action by the Parish Council and other bodies.

Summary of Achievements

Roads and Transport

- The following roads have been resurfaced: Viver Lane 2007, Stainton Lane 2008, Back of The Helm 2009, Cockrigg Lane 2009.
- A65 footpath now complete to Summerlands.
- Erection of 2 new bus shelters.
- Highways Steward operational from 2008.

Environment

- Annual litter pack continuing supported by 'adopt a stretch of road'.
- Reduction in problem dog fouling.

Leisure

- Multi games pitch provided at school by Education Authority, and playground available to primary school children under supervision out of school hours.
- Library van 3 weekly visits at the ford.
- Underhelm Wood established with picnic facilities in 2003.
- Significant progress made with Institute on the site of the former URC Chapel.

Communication

- Parish Council meetings held bi monthly with minutes published on notice boards.
- New notice boards erected at Church and in both bus shelters.
- Neighbourhood watch scheme now covering all the Parish.
- Welcome pack for newcomers to the Parish introduced in 2004 and continuing.

Summary of Outstanding Issues

There were a number of issues that were being followed up from the previous plan and some other issues which arose in the survey update of July 2009.

Roads and Transport

- **Poor road surface Millbridge and Halfpenny lanes.**

  Both roads have been repaired and surface dressed in 2009.

  Highways Hotline can be used to report pot holes etc or ring the Parish.

  Clerk who will report to our Highways Steward.

- **Flooding**—at Barrows Green and The Ford

  Parish Council considering flood signs near Ford.

  Ongoing discussions with CCC and Highways Steward to achieve a solution.

- **Passing places on our lanes.**

  Parish Council pursuing with Highways Authority.

- **School Safety**—speed of traffic, lack of parking.

  Parish Council working closely with school and CCC to erect flashing lights. and slow down signs. Funding for lights recently confirmed.

- **Speed Limits**—A65 and lanes.

  Parish Council still pursuing 50mph limit on A65.

- **Hedge cutting**

  Is the responsibility of individual land owners and restrictions do not allow farmers to cut before 1st August each year.

- **Verge cutting**

  Timing for cutting is based on road safety issues and protection of our wild flora and fauna.

Leisure

- **Stainton Institute**

  There has been significant ongoing progress with this vital addition to the Parish.

Communication

- **Email addresses**

  Gathered from July survey to be used to convey Parish Council minutes, Newsletters, Neighbourhood watch messages etc.

In addition to those matters mentioned above there were other matters raised in the survey and these are listed below.

- Equipment box for first responders required. Approved by Parish Council.
- Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator required in Millbridge Lane and Stainton Lane. Anyone willing to take over this role please contact The Parish Clerk.

- Creation of some affordable housing.
- School bus and cars obstructing lanes outside school and causing damage to verges. Discussed at length with Parish Council and School
- Request for grit bin at High Birkrigg. Action has been taken by the Parish Council to get this.
- Concern raised about increased signage and activities at Raines Hall.
- Cars parking at end of Halfpenny and Stainton lanes.

  Parish Council has distributed a letter.

- Concern was raised about the support for the Library Van.

  More information on timings etc to be posted on notice boards.

- Damaged bridge at Skettlegill.

  Environment and Footpath Agencies have been contacted.

  New footbridge to be erected between June and September 2010 because this is the only time work can be carried out in the beck because of cray fish.

  Following a meeting with the land owner agreement was made to replace the concrete bridge.

The process the Parish Council needs to take in achieving our successes and following up on outstanding issues is long and necessitates communication between the various authorities listed below:

- The Parish Council
- The District Council
- The County Council
- The Better Ways to School Team
- The Highways Authority
- Neighbourhood Forum
- The Planning Department
- ACT - Voluntary Action Cumbria
- The Local Strategic Partnership

We will communicate to our parishioners through the parish newsletter highlighting progress made on issues arising from the parish survey.

We will highlight which authority is responsible for taking the appropriate action.

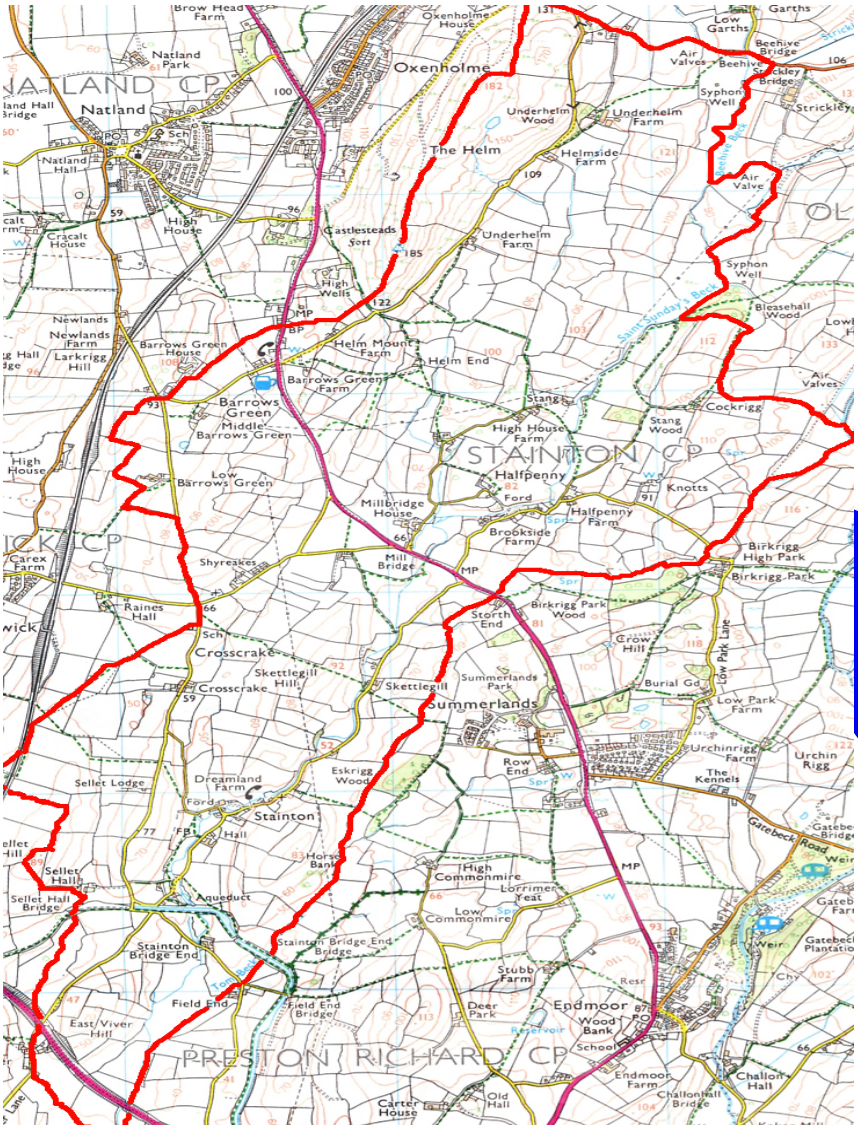
Please feel free to contact the Clerk or any Councillor if you have an issue to raise.

As a valued parishioner we would ask you to continue to read our newsletters and respond if you have any comments.

Continue to support our Annual Litter Pick and your own stretch of village road.

Support our Parish Council Meetings and any Community functions.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Police		0845 3300247 And 01539 722611
Crime Stoppers		0800555111 (Anonymously)
Hospitals		
Westmorland General.		01539 732288
Royal Lancaster Infirmary		01524 65944
Crosscrake School		60410
County Council		01539 773000
District Council		01539 733333
Highways Hotline		0845 6096609
County Councillor	Brenda Gray	61135
District Councillor	Sheila Eccles	67629
Stainton Parish Council		
John Stott		60213
Andrew Hyde		61120
Thomas (Tot) Mason		60985
John Cartmell		60174
Thomas Nelson		61023
Parish Clerk Julie Knowles		60620
St Thomas` Church	Crosscrake	
Rev. Terry Wilcock		60333
Alan Frostick		61019
Janet Thompson		61257
Stainton Institute		
David Coates		61749
Beavers and Cubs	Cerys Morgan	60960
Scouts	David Walker	01539 732524
Rainbows	Mary Shaw	60051
Brownies	Mary Shaw	60051
Sedgwick and Crosscrake Toddlers	Sonia Capstick	60171
Crosscrake WI	Sue Tetlow	61209
Crosscrake Singers	Ivy Mason	60985
Sedgwick Ladies	Pauline Oscroft	60517
Badminton	Barbara Bethell	60787

PUTTING STAINTON ON THE MAP