

PORTFOLIO LEADS REPORTS

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The Parish Council is now set for the next four years. Over the past four we have progressed well. Of necessity we have had to spend a considerable amount of time sorting out our administrative documentation and processes. It is a credit to all concerned that much has been improved. Although it will always be necessary to keep this part of our work up to date as far as possible it would seem that the time has come to make progress in areas where we have looked at what we might achieve in the future. At this stage I can bring to mind four areas that we have considered in the past but must now decide if and how we might progress them. One which might be achieved within the next twelve months or so and the others will take much longer.

They are as follows:-

- 1) Refurbishing the Bus Shelter opposite Itchen Abbas Village Hall, sorting out the ditch and drainage and landscaping the surrounding area.
- 2) Incorporation of the "Ransom Strip" into the Old School Field Play area, including improvement of the access and landscaping.
- 3) Levelling of the King George V Playing Field, provision of permanent changing and storage facilities.
- 4) Meeting the need for Social/Affordable Housing.

Naturally such ambitions require funding and in most cases, the involvement of other organisations. That in turn can lead to a lack of inertia. However if we are serious about achieving any of these aims the time has come when we must decide how to make progress.

I have put this forward as a starting point as to what we may wish to achieve over the next four years. There may well be other ideas and projects for which there is a desire to consider. Please note that items already in the budget such as play equipment have not been included as they are effectively underway. It may also be thought that the time scale is ambitious but it is my belief that unless we are prepared to push things forward then little progress will be made.

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