

## 9 Future Action and Nature of the Reports

Although all aspects of concern raised within the village appraisal are addressed within the Plan these are grouped around the major topic headings of:

- Physical village structure
- Transport
- Recreation, Sport and Community
- Public Services
- Environment

It is noted that the work done on the village structure is likely to also form the core of the future Parish Council 'Village Design Statement', a document which all councils will produce in due course in order to have a coherent planning policy based upon the way that their villages look and feel and how this is achieved and can be maintained.

All sections, and especially 2 and 3 above, contain many recommendations for action, and most of these require funding – some of it quite major.

In order to ensure that action is seen to happen as quickly as possible – thus in part justifying the whole appraisal and planning process – the items for action are all prioritised, with one particular set that is due to occur within the first year of operation of the Plan. These 'quick wins' are critical to the future of the Plan.

It is also important to realise that funding for the implementation of the Plan will have to come from many sources. The precept for Comberton Parish Council has been around £40,000 for the past few years and yet this Plan calls for spending of upwards of £300,000. This is out of all proportion to possible funds available from the Parish Council and thus all that can be provided is seed funding which can be used to leverage funds from other sources at a ratio of around 10 to 1. The Council has approved funding to begin the work, from an increased precept, with the proviso that external funding is sought, and the following sections suggest possible sources. These will be followed up by the Council on a continuing basis.

Some projects, such as the extension of the recreation ground – are larger and have been in the mind of the village and Council for quite some time. The Plan simply consolidates all these elements – new and old – into one coherent whole, and thus not all monies being sought are 'new'.

It is intended that the Parish Council will continue to keep the Parish Plan on its agenda into the foreseeable future and will drive it pro-actively. But it is appreciated that it cannot succeed without more inputs and that this is a community initiative and so it is planned that working groups will be formed

on each of the 5 areas that follow, in order to ensure that all plans are brought to fruition.

In some cases further work needs to be done before plans or costings are finalised as additional information is needed. In a few cases this will require expert input or consultation – as with the case of the work needed with young people, and thus the recommendations include this first additional preparatory stage. But in all cases action can begin as soon as the Plan enters its implementation phase.