



Horningsea Parish Plan 2011–2020

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Our cover shows the Horningsea village sign depicting a potter working at his wheel.

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PREFACE

The Horningsea Parish Plan was supported throughout by the staff of Cambridgeshire ACRE. Without their guidance, it would not have happened.

The Plan was preceded by two large consultation exercises in the summer and autumn of 2009, one a meeting in the Village Hall attended by over 80 parishioners including most of the children and teenagers in the village, the other a questionnaire of which multiple copies were delivered to each household in the village and collected by volunteers.

Over 100 questionnaires were returned, from a little over half of Horningsea's (140) households. After results had been collated, the Parish Plan Steering Group tabulated them and identified the dominant themes that emerged. The results of that process were presented to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting in the summer of 2010 along with hypotheses of potential actions that might be undertaken. Reactions to those hypotheses and further meetings of the Steering Group resulted in the Plan that is now printed.

The Plan was adopted by Horningsea Parish Council at its meeting of 26th January 2011.

Our hope is that the Plan fairly and inclusively represents the present state of our village, the aspirations and preparedness to contribute to contribute of the inhabitants. We believe the Action Plans that are summarised towards the end of the Plan represent an inspiring and realistic agenda for our citizens, our political representatives and public servants for the next decade.

Many people – a clear majority of the village, in fact – took part in bringing this Plan to its current stage. It is not unfair, however, to acknowledge publicly the commitment and talent of a few individuals who worked especially hard in its preparation.

Bert Santilly and Frank Hopkirk took over the joint leadership of the Steering Group part way through the process outlined above. Tony Phillips played a major role in the construction of the questionnaire as well as contributing some innovative ideas that the questionnaire exposed to public scrutiny. Lindsay Davies, Dearbhla Lawson, Liz Harrison, Mike Hellowell, Jenni Hill and Mary Parker contributed to its content, distribution and interpretation, and between them ensured that all interests in the village – social, religious, age-based, topographic and political – were represented. Robert Balm knocked tirelessly on doors to elicit responses from certain hard-to-reach groups (as, I suspect, did some others) and then set up a 'splinter group' of the younger and more technically literate to get moving on bringing village communications into the modern age. To all of these, and to all who took the trouble to respond so thoughtfully, generously and imaginatively, I am extremely grateful. Future generations, I trust, will be benefit from your work and examples.

Peter Davison

Chairman, Horningsea Parish Council

HORNINGSEA – SOME FACTS

The parish of Horningsea has 330 inhabitants, in some 140 households. It sits on the eastern side of the River Cam, three miles from and downstream of the northern boundary of the city of Cambridge. The A14 has come to form a boundary to the south (although it is not actually a political boundary). With its neighbouring parishes of Fen Ditton, Waterbeach, Stow-cum-Quy and Lode, Horningsea represents the southernmost part of the Fens, low-lying land that stretches to the North Sea.

Industries in and around Horningsea have from time to time involved the extraction of and work with clay, and the extraction of other mineral deposits. But the dominant occupation of its inhabitants until well after the second world war was agriculture, and the parish includes large tracts of productive farmland today. Indeed, Horningsea is separated by a mile or more of cultivated fields from each of its neighbouring villages, and it has an emphatically rural feel, despite the rapid increase in recent years of employment in nearby Cambridge for highly qualified Horningsea residents in professional services, academic and other research.

The village has part of (and part responsibility for) a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Quy Fen. It also contains the relics of Roman potteries just west of Eye Hall, a Site of Special Archaeological Interest. Charities established in the eighteenth century to meet the needs of the poor in Horningsea and neighbouring parishes are still effective. (The manner in which Horningsea acquired these charities and the land to fund their work is a piece of social history that goes beyond the scope of this introduction.)

Within the village core, one is struck by the communally owned, leased or managed assets of a children's playground run by the Horningsea Residents' Association (HRA), a garden that belongs to the Parish Council, a 'Millennium Green' and orchard on a very long lease from the County Council that are managed by a dedicated trust, and the Village Hall, also administered by its own Trust. One is also struck by the diverse collection of old buildings (22 listed buildings), with a few new ones sprinkled in between them, from agricultural labourers' cottages to large buildings once occupied by priors, rectors, vicars and other well-housed clergy. The Church itself was built over 1000 years ago and is Grade 1 listed.



HORNINGSEA – A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE!

From pre-historic times Horningsea has been chosen as “a good place to live” and every generation of residents left their mark. Dinosaurs roamed the fens leaving their droppings which turned into coprolite. Iron age and Bronze age settlers lived here leaving behind axe heads and daggers which are now in the University Archaeology museum.

Romans came and built a pottery using Horningsea clay – they left their ovens around Eye Hall and in the site of special archaeological interest on Clayhithe Road. The Romans created the dock in Dock Lane which they used to load the Horningsea pots onto barges to export to Northern Europe. Saxons built the Church leaving tombstones engraved with fascinating symbols. The Saxon priests’ time in Horningsea is recorded in the “Liber Eliensis” written by a monk in the 12th Century. The Vikings who came up the river and raided the Church, scattering the Saxons, probably gave Horningsea its name: Horning’s Eye or island. The Normans recorded the wealth of the village in the Domesday book. In medieval times the Bishop of Ely built Biggin Abbey and kings of England came to stay in Biggin.

The 13th and 14th Centuries also saw the rebuilding of the Church. By the 16th and 17th Centuries the village had started to develop its current shape – with the Church, Eye Hall, the Priory, the Manor House, part of the Square and part of Kings Acre having been built together with most of the thatched cottages. The Church records begin in 1599 so we have names to add to the buildings –baptisms, weddings and burials of the residents.



More cottages were built in the 17th Century when “Inclosure” defined the Parish Boundaries in 1802. By the late 18th century we had the two Inns – the Crown & Punchbowl and Plough & Fleece.

More details of the people of Horningsea start to emerge: the “Horningsea Chronicle” (beginning in 1784) gives details of daily life in Horningsea – dramas when fire broke out, fights in the pub, bankruptcies and sales of farm land. As we moved into Victorian times the story of the village turned full circle with the influx of coprolite workers who came to dig up the dinosaur dung at Quy Fen! The Victorian houses, the school and the Old Vicarage were built. People began to travel into Cambridge to work.



The 20th Century saw the men of the village marching off to the First World War – their names are on the plaque in the Church, and the graves of those who did not return have been visited and recorded. Inter-war houses were built on the east side of the High Street and the old Village Hall – an army field station – was given to the Village by the Francis family. The Second World War led to the Horningsea Home Guard, the Women’s Land Army, Italian prisoners of war, American service men drinking in the village pubs and again men of the village serving overseas. During WWII the flower nurseries grew vegetables that were taken to market in Cambridge, and the farms still used horsedrawn ploughs.

The 1950s and 1960s saw great changes in the village. It was agreed to allow the building of the “new houses” first in Priory Road and then in Abbots Way. The school closed. The old houses in “the Square” were demolished or renovated. Electricity arrived along with mains water so the pumps were redundant. By the end of the Millennium the village shop and post office had closed but the garden centre had taken the place of the old nurseries. The hounds of the Cambridge harriers which had been based in Horningsea for about 50 years had also gone, before hunting was abolished. Horses that remain in the village are ridden for pleasure. The small farms, established by the County Council after WWII were found not to be viable and began to be merged. Farm cottages were let or sold, as fewer workers were needed, and barns and farm buildings began to be converted into houses. A new Village Hall was built to commemorate the Millennium, and the Village Green was enlarged.



Clayhithe is a small community with its own personality, dominated by the river. In 1279 it is recorded as having 5 houses and its own Manor. It was attacked in the Peasants Revolt in 1381. The traditional ferry was replaced by a bridge in 1875. The main house, Riverside House, was a farmhouse until after WWII. Northfields is still an active farm. The 18th Century Conservators House is headquarters for the Cam Conservators. Between Clayhithe and Horningsea village is Eye Hall and the group of cottages originally connected with the Hall. The history of Eye Hall itself is documented from 870 and the Romans pre-dated that.

By 2010 most people who live in the Parish of Horningsea work in Cambridge or even in London.

The population of Horningsea has been remarkably stable. Current residents can trace their ancestors back many generations including:- Ashman – 1801, Asplin – 1832, Bell – 1744, Driver- 1700, Fishpool – 1863, Fison – 1688, Froment – 1843 (John Wilson).

The census shows that the population of the village has barely changed over 150 years. The 1851 census shows a population of 371, in 1951 it was 325, in 2001 it was 331. What has changed is the ratio of owner occupation to rented accommodation. As recently as 1981 48% of the properties were owner occupied, the rest were privately rented, local authority rented or tied accommodation. By 2001 72% were owner occupied.

Geographically Horningsea is about 4 miles to the north east of the centre of Cambridge. It is bounded by the River Cam to the west, and shares a boundary with Fen Ditton to the south, Stow cum Quy to the east and Lode to the north. It is north of the A14, which gives the impression of being the boundary when in fact part of Fen Ditton lies the “Horningsea” side of the A14 road. The river boundary to the south is Baits Bite lock and to the north is Bottisham lock. It is a riverside village with a significant boating community. Liaison takes place with the Cam Conservators about riverside developments and conservation issues.



The decision in the 1960s to limit the size of Horningsea has ensured it has been protected from significant development and is one of the few “necklace villages” around Cambridge that has retained its historical size and shape.

Horningsea’s geographical location sees it administered from multiple centres: it is in South Cambridgeshire District Council but it is adjacent to East Cambridgeshire DC. The secondary school children go to Bottisham Village College in East Cambs. It is in the Fulbourn County Ward and so it is policed as part of the Linton Neighbourhood, an arrangement which is universally acknowledged as unsatisfactory given the distance to Linton (the Histon headquarters is much closer and more appropriate). For the purposes of Church organisation it is in the Fordham and Quy deanery – whereas the closest villages (apart from Fen Ditton) are Waterbeach and Milton in the Northstowe deanery. From time to time, whenever boundary reviews take place – whether political or ecclesiastical – there have been discussions about “moving” Horningsea into a different area. With serious concerns about traffic we sometimes wonder if we should simply declare “UDI”, put a toll on Clayhithe Bridge and close the “gates” at each entrance to the village!

It has emerged from the Parish Plan that many of the current residents concur with the statement with which this summary began: “Horningsea is a good place to live!”

WHY WE LIKE IT HERE

The first part of the parish plan questionnaire set out to define what it is that villagers like about Horningsea and keeps them wanting to live here.



In their responses many cited the central areas of the village - its green, high street, church, and the areas giving access to the river.



They drew attention to the older buildings such as the cottages around Sargents Yard, St Peter’s Church, St Johns Lane, the Plough and Fleece and the Crown and Punchbowl.



The most popular places that villagers chose to visit close to the village were the rural and riverine areas of Quy Fen and Baits Bite respectively, the tranquil nature of their situations and their easy accessibility making them popular with Horningsea residents.



Parishioners are currently active in all kinds of informal maintenance of the built and especially the natural environment of Horningsea, from a weekly clean of the bus shelter and a six-monthly collective litter pick to the regular mowing of and other care for green areas, stiles and fences. This represents a very deep level of community ‘ownership’ of the village, regardless of the statutory ownership arrangements. We should acknowledge these numerous small contributions, celebrate and enable them to continue.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

We asked residents about the size of the village. There was an overwhelming view that it was about the right size already. Even of those who favoured moderate amounts of new building development (see below) a number expressed concern that small amounts of development should not be the 'thin end of the wedge' for larger and less controlled building plans.



The dominant sense on building in the village was that no foreseeable (and certainly no desirable) amount of building would turn Horningsea into a viable hub for step improvements in public services or in the attractiveness of the village for businesses. In response to Question 6, "Do you agree with the idea that if more people lived in Horningsea, businesses would thrive more easily and public services could be delivered more economically?", 53 of those who replied did not agree and only 23 were persuaded.

A minority indicated possible areas for development which were:-

North End - The areas of Northgate and Gayton Farms as well as the area to the north of Northgate Farm. Opposite Kings Cottages and a "small-scale only" proposal possibly at the Clayhithe end of the village

South End – Farmland in the area between Horningsea toward Honey Hill and the A14.

Infill - The frontage of Notcutts and the area immediately to the north of it; the areas behind the High Street, between St Johns and Dock Lane; the east side of the village green, and the Old Vicarage grounds.

There were a number of comments warning that there should be no peripheral development and that "infill" should mean no more than two or three houses at any one location. Others felt that there was need for small, social-housing projects, that would be "modest and affordable", of low density and have a low environmental impact. Also favoured were housing association type projects making new builds more affordable; these, it was felt, should be available to young people "with a connection to the area" so that they could afford good housing. Any new building should have 50/50 mix of low cost starter homes. As one resident put it; "We don't

need any more large expensive houses. We do need affordable housing such as smaller homes for our children so that people who have grown up here can stay."

There are a number of potential "infill" sites on which residents felt should be no development. These included:-

- Village Green and surrounds, conservation area, village 'core'
- Laney Meadow, areas west of High Street down to river/flood zone; Green areas north and south of village, sites of Roman kilns
- Notcutts car park
- Allotments

From this it can be seen that the areas between the High Street and the river in particular are not regarded by residents as suitable development areas. Equally, the village green and surrounding areas and a number of preservation and green areas are ruled out. This would support the ideas already expressed that any developments should be small scale and the sites responsibly and sensitively chosen.

Even among the minority of responses that supported expansion, there were caveats about the size and nature of any development, e.g. "not like Milton". There was also a suggestion that new housing could be supported by a bio-mass/wind turbine plant that would make Horningsea self-sufficient in energy.

The biggest single number of responses, however, did not support the idea, and was in favour of NO development. The idea of Horningsea as a village rather than a suburb was given in support of this.

There was doubt that growth of itself would make any material difference to the scale of infrastructure; or to the attractiveness to potential business investors; or that potential investors would support local business (think Tesco Express v Village Shop). Environmental and topographical evidence was adduced in support of this scepticism.

Indeed, many doubted that Horningsea could expand sufficiently to achieve this. Neither should there be building at the edges of the village. Building developments at the village boundaries could extend the village envelope, changing the character of the village.



There was also considerable doubt as to whether Horningsea actually needs to expand in order to improve its transport links (it is after all only 4 miles from the city centre). There was concern about the probable change in the nature of the village from a community to a dormitory suburb.

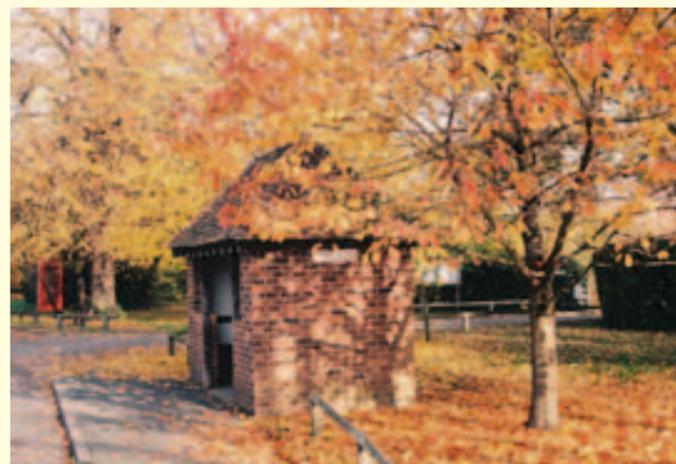
FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS

1. There is a strong consensus, backed by logic and emotion, that the village should remain in terms of population, physical scale and character, similar to what it is today.
2. Any planning proposal for building that would materially alter that character (meaning, on the scale of Horningsea, any more than two residential buildings in one development) should be subjected to particular, transparent, public consultation and scrutiny.
3. Particular attention should be given in planning policy and decisions to Horningsea's location close to flood areas and other unsuitable sites, and to the scale and antiquity of sewerage, roads and other infrastructure.
4. There is support for the existing planning guidelines from South Cambs District Council (a) that 'infill' sites are the only ones that should be considered in Horningsea, and (b) that developments should include a proportion of affordable housing. The Parish Council might usefully ascertain which of the identified sites would indeed command a consensus as suitable locations (and conversely, which should not be developed, on environmental, heritage or other grounds).



TRANSPORT

Horningsea has access to excellent road and rail links: the A14 and A10, and Waterbeach railway station under two miles away. A cycle path has recently been built from Horningsea to Fen Ditton, and there is a good cycle track on the opposite bank of the Cam going north and south (although this would benefit from improved access).



For those without access to a private car, or too old or too young to cycle, the picture is bleaker. The bus service runs through the village from Waterbeach to Cambridge twice daily, early in the morning, with return trips in the early and later afternoon on weekdays only. While it is good that this service exists, having been recently saved, the times are not convenient for bus users who want a reasonable time in town in the middle of the day or later in the evening. Separate attempts have been made to liaise with Stagecoach to divert one of the Milton buses through Horningsea but so far to no avail. While usage from the village is small the bus itself is often quite full coming from Waterbeach, and the service is very important to those who do need it.

Beaches community car service is available for those with local transport difficulties. A number of Horningsea car owners have offered their services as volunteer drivers, but transport in a minor emergency can still be a problem for some residents.

East-west cycle links are poor, constrained by the Cam to the west of the village and farmland and Quy Fen to the east. The A14, self-evidently, as the main local east-west transit infrastructure, is not usable by anyone other than motorists.

There is a network of footpaths stretching from Horningsea in all directions, though few are paved or well signposted, none are lit and several are discontinuous. Within the village, pedestrians report difficulties both in crossing the road (due to the heavy through traffic) and in staying on the pavement (due to vehicles parking on pavements).

Leisure trips to Clayhithe and beyond on the Cam by boat are organised occasionally by the HRA. Views on the idea of a ferry or river crossing within the village are divided. Moorings are scarce in the village. The river is not, in general, used as a transport asset.

Horningsea High Street is used by almost 10,000 motor vehicles a day (many 'rat-running' from the nearby A roads) which creates difficulties and hazards for residents. A Speedwatch team exists. Official projections are for a further 50% increase in through traffic if the A14 widening scheme is implemented.

FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS

Transport needs to be considered holistically, rather than as separate modes requiring separate solutions.

A mini-roundabout on the High Street at the end of Priory Road, for instance, might slow through-traffic, make it easier and safer for residents of Priory Road and Abbots Way actually to drive out onto the High Street, and help those – especially the young and the frail – who need to cross the High Street.

The existing bus service is poorly used and must be considered vulnerable to cuts in external funding. We need (a) to continue to collaborate with County Council and other authorities to make clear the importance of the service to a small but vulnerable section of our community, (b) to lobby for the diversion of more frequent buses from the A10 into Cambridge, and (c) to explore alternatives such as community-controlled transport.

We should mount village cycling expeditions to Milton and Lode as initial steps in improving both the infrastructure provision (including the use of the Bait's Bite Lock path as a bridleway) and signage.

All 19 new volunteer drivers for Beaches Car scheme have already had full literature on the scheme and opportunities to register.

Pedestrian access within the village, though generally good, can be maintained at a satisfactory level by ensuring pavements are kept clear both of parked cars and of overhanging vegetation. The Police have been asked to ensure the former and the Parish Clerk/County Council the latter.

Interest was shown in arranging transport from the village, especially to see theatre and concerts and cinema. This would need a co-ordinating group to implement, with good communication within the village – possibly a role for the HRA. This is where a community minibus would be useful

Access to the river is under-exploited. A group should review how it can be improved, and whether there is the potential for more moorings (bearing in mind the need to preserve the tranquillity of the area which is so appreciated by residents and others).

Traffic through the village was considered by many an annoyance, and by a significant number a hazard. The largest group of informants favoured a system of priority to vehicles exiting the village core. We need to investigate whether this can be implemented while still enabling the passing of large agricultural vehicles.

As a slightly separate issue, one must note that residents on Clayhithe Road suffer not only from many vehicles travelling well beyond the existing speed limit – 355 in a week at the last count – but from the fact that that limit itself is too high. (The road is narrow, unlit, and has no footpaths.) A reduction to 50 mph of the speed limit along that road should be aimed at (as recently implemented in Histon).



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Horningsea has a busy social scene with a surprising variety of activities taking place on a regular basis. Some are formally constituted organisations, while others have no formal constitution but meet on a regular basis.

The venues are just as diverse; in the village hall (and of course the green), one can find the Adult and Toddlers group, the Womens Institute and the art group all meeting on a regular basis; while individual events such as weddings, birthdays, etc., are booked on a regular basis by residents as well as people living beyond the village itself.

There are also a number of village organisations that use the village hall to conduct their business meetings, such as the Parish Council, Horningsea Residents Association (HRA), and the Village Hall Trust.

In the Plough and Fleece, one can find a bridge club, a local quiz night, a pétanque club, two car clubs (Austin Seven and 2CV), a cycling club, a computing class, a music club, and Morris dancers all meeting on a regular basis – either weekly or monthly.

St Peters Church, for its part, hosts singing group rehearsals and concerts, many of the Horningsea Festival events, a bell-ringers group, a Bible study group and regular prayer meetings; all in addition to its normal schedule of services.



The Horningsea Horticultural Show Committee have their annual event in the village hall but plan it in the Plough and Fleece; while the W.I., in addition to its regular meetings in the Village Hall, have a series of events across the year based in members' houses. They also visit places of interest around the region.

There is also a small plot of allotments owned by SCDC in the village situated at the end of Priory Road, but there is little sense of a voice for the village in its management.

The HRA, which acts on behalf of villagers to promote issues of importance to the community, also organises a Hundred Club, and a number of social events throughout the year; including an annual Village Day, Bar-B-Q,



Bonfire Night, carols in the bus shelter, etc. A minority of respondents expressed concern at not having been made aware of these events which are in principle open to every resident of the village.



A village Music and Arts Festival has been very successfully concluded recently with twenty eight events over a six week period. Venues have included the church, the Plough and Fleece pub, the river side, and private houses in the village. It has brought the community together for a number of unique and varied events in different settings.

Individuals too, have had their input into the village scene; an email newsletter, the Horningsea Herald, has been started and publishes to over 100 subscribers on a monthly basis. A boat trip (courtesy of John Harrison, and put on as one of the festival events) took villagers from Horningsea to Clayhithe and a further one (courtesy of the Friends of Horningsea Church) took villagers on a day trip to Ely.

Support was expressed for a number of new activities and events such as an arts festival (now taken place) wine tasting, activities for teenagers (see details of new initiatives later), New Years Day walk, Barn/disco dances, tennis, more boat trips, summer fete, dance classes, keep fit, seasonal events, visits to the theatre, a walking club, Chess club, cycling club, youth club, amateur dramatics, book club, crochet, chicken keeping, music lessons, a bowling green, an investment club; in fact, any reasonable activity. There was a viable level of support that would be willing to be involved in setting up some of these activities. (See Appendix.)

Few respondents expressed enthusiasm for twinning with a town or village in another country, and a number felt it was positively a bad idea, one even expressing the view that it would constitute a subsidised 'jolly'. If such an idea is taken forward, then, it is clear that it must be entirely at the expense of those who join!



The senior citizens of our community are keen to be active in a variety of different pastimes and expressed their support for a number of different activities, with sufficient numbers showing interest for many of these to be set up without too much difficulty. Activities that seem likely to be viable include keep fit, local history (and a number of people have indicated their willingness to set up this

project), music and singing, whist drives, coffee mornings, regular social events in village hall or pub, arts and crafts, pilates and modern foreign languages (French and German).

Horningsea is fortunate in that informal networks already exist to help elderly vulnerable residents; but there was support for the idea of a slightly more formal set up which could supplement the present individual initiatives in this regard, by agreeing to have co-ordinators in various parts of the village who could be contacted in time of need.

There was concern about the availability of medical support within the village that might be of sufficient magnitude to consider asking Waterbeach/East Barnwell Health Centres to investigate the viability of setting up a regular surgery in the village.

An Adults and Toddlers group operates in the Village Hall. It has thirteen registered families currently with a total of eighteen children signed up at the time of writing. It has already successfully negotiated for grants from the Parish Council and the Wakeham Trust to buy equipment and is currently meeting on a weekly basis. The group now receives regular support visits from a nursery nurse, attached to the Health Visitor Service from East Barnwell, a teaching assistant from the Fields Early Year Centre and a speech therapist.

If there is any gap in the provision presently available for members of this community, it is predominantly in the 11 to 19 age group. There is no currently active youth club within the village and there have been problems with vandalism during the last year. While the two are not necessarily connected we have a duty to all members of our community to make the best provision for their leisure time that we reasonably can.

At the time of writing this report, initiatives are already in progress to meet this need with the help of Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY). WAY have indicated their willingness to host an introductory evening for Horningsea youngsters, which could lead to active membership. If successful the Parish Council will make a contribution to WAY funding. Transport options remain to be considered.



FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS

1. The Parish Plan Steering Group should arrange to meet the HRA committee to explore means of addressing the opportunities above, in particular focusing on:
 - i. openness and inclusion – ensuring events are adequately publicised;
 - ii. communication with those undertaking individual or other collective initiatives to minimise calendar and other clashes;
 - iii. Support for those offering to start up new activity groups such as the local history study group or keep-fit classes.
2. Those who have said they are willing to organise activities should be supplied with contact details of those who have said they would like to join in. (This has already happened with the Crafts Group.)
3. The Parish Council should attempt to establish a method for real local representation in the management and allocation of allotments.
4. The Parish Plan Steering Group should look into the idea of “twinning” to see what could be achieved without the use of any funds that would give rise to the concerns expressed by villagers.
5. The Parish Council should investigate the setting up of a Good Neighbour Scheme within the village.
6. The Parish Council should approach Waterbeach/East Barnwell Health Centres to investigate the viability of setting up a regular surgery in the village.

In initiating these moves, the community needs to bear in mind that not everyone in the village has access to the Internet or even a landline telephone. The role of simple good neighbourliness remains central to our cohesion and mutual support.

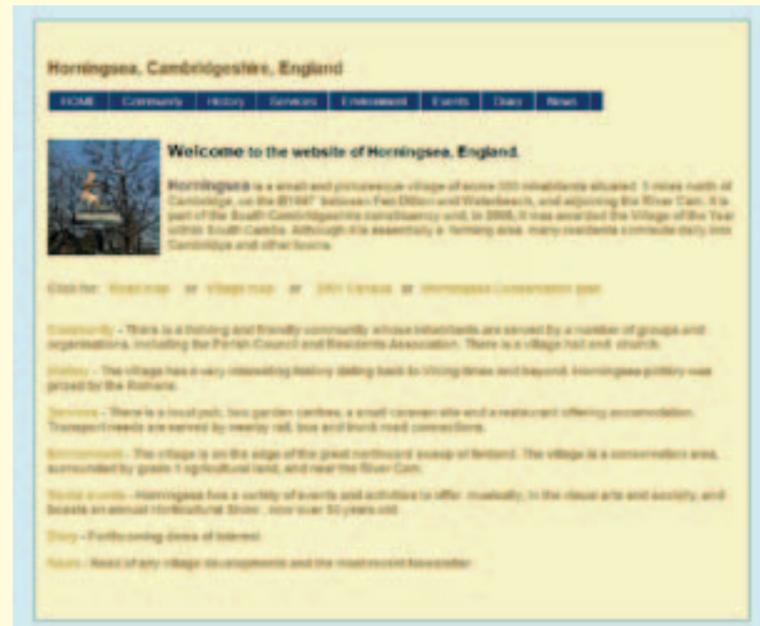
THE ECONOMY AND COMMUNICATIONS

Broadband

In terms of electronic communications Horningsea has a healthy population of broadband users, (86% of those who answered the question). Internet provision is provided by a number of different providers, BT being the main one, and there are at least 80 people in the village with broadband access. For the majority of those who replied (68) the current connection speed was not seen as a problem. However in two years' time the current broadband service is unlikely to be sufficient for needs.

- Many services are moving online. Horningsea will be left behind
- Rich media will require faster broadband: photos, video, audio and games
- Business communications will require faster speeds in the future

Website



The village has a website, www.horningsea.com, created approximately 2 years ago and maintained by a local webmaster, incorporating pages about, and links to, various facets of village life including Community, Services with local contact details, History, Environment, Social Activities available, News and a Diary of forthcoming events. The website is now under review by a small working party. They are in the process of implementing changes

and services identified by villagers which will enable them to post items of interest themselves.

Only 57% of respondents had visited the website, mainly (63%) in the last 6 months and these predominantly to find out What's on, Service contact information or news.

More people would use the site if there was more interactivity and searchability available. However in general terms most people felt well informed about what was going on and encouraged all possible ways of communication to maintain this state of affairs.



Horningsea Herald

An electronic monthly news bulletin, the Horningsea Herald, is distributed to 58% of respondents (and now over 100 users) by email and has proved a very popular facet of village communication and is considered extremely useful. Some suggestions to improving it included being easier to download, having important contact numbers and being more succinct and if more people were to contribute. Of those not currently receiving the HH 47% would like to receive it.

The Herald is currently downloadable from horningsea.com by users.



Notice Boards

There are two official, glass-fronted, notice boards in the village and villagers can have items displayed here free of charge by contacting the keyholders.

There is also a Church notice board on the High Street advertising social events held in St Peters as one of the main venues.

A number of recognised and accepted unofficial notice boards (especially the Old Vicarage fence) are regularly used.

New Life, the church magazine, noting village matters and forthcoming events is delivered monthly for a small annual charge.

Meetings

Communication also takes place through the traditional meetings, including Parish Council, HRA, other formal and informal gatherings in the Village Hall, Plough and Fleece and Church. Indeed, widespread appreciation was expressed during the preparation of this Plan for the inclusiveness of the physical bringing together of people for discussions and consultations. We need to ensure that opportunities for such meetings are not missed.

FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS

No single means of communication satisfies all needs, and all need to be continued and even improved. In particular we need to encourage:

1. Further work on the website and support, if necessary, for the Herald
2. The exploration of a village-owned investment in fast broadband a la Lyddington
3. Additional print communications, especially by the Parish Council, supplementing New Life
4. Continue notice boards
5. Open village meetings (more than one per year) with updates and feedback
6. The provision of full contact addresses in all village media

THE COMMUNITY



A suggestion was made in the Plan Questionnaire that Horningsea might establish a 'Community Interest Company'. Many respondents saw the potential of a not-for-profit village 'development agency' and wanted to know more. Others thought it was unnecessary or unworkable on a small scale. Some people expressed concern that existing voluntary effort is not overtaken by unnecessary bureaucracy and organisation.

We anticipate that Tony Phillips (parishioner and social enterprise consultant) would arrange a number of meetings so that neighbours can bring ideas and queries to a facilitated discussion. Tony would provide presentation materials and facilitate the sessions at no cost. Support would also be available from local development agencies free of charge.

Initiatives that it has been suggested might be taken up by a CIC include:

investments in sustainable energy

moorings, a ferry or other river infrastructure and access improvements

local broadband provision

leasing land for community use.

At the same time the CIC will need to be sure not to take on projects that would make more difficult the already challenging job of running a profit-making business in the village.



Community Safety



Of the 90 or so respondents only 14 filled in this section, which could suggest that 'safety' is not a significant concern for most people in the village. Speeding cars and traffic was mentioned as a particular safety concern for Horningsea.

Four respondents had some concerns regarding their personal safety in the village or that of their family or home. Three respondents had been a victim of

vandalism or some other offence in the last year. One of the three had subsequently reported the vandalism to the police, but did not feel that the matter was satisfactorily dealt with.

Eight respondents volunteered to act as local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators for their areas of the village. (Archie Roe has carried out this role for a number of years for Abbots Way/Priory Road). A workshop was set up to which all were invited, along with members of Fen Ditton Parish Council. Two parishioners have since taken full information packs from the Police.

OUR CONTRIBUTION



The last part of our questionnaire asked villagers what skills, experience and expertise they would like to offer to the village community. The response showed great generosity of spirit.

A wide range of practical and professional skills, hobbies, languages, individual and group activities have been placed on offer. Some are clearly leisure activities while others would help professional development in the workplace.

A list of those who were kind enough to offer their services to others in the village has been placed in the appendix.

PROPOSAL

The Parish Plan Steering Group will try to organise a 'Fair' at which all those who offered to lead in the establishment of new activity groups in the village will be invited to bring their ideas for a year's activity, and all others invited to join and offer support. If the HRA would like to support, contribute or even coordinate such an undertaking, the Plan Steering Group would be thrilled!

Horningsea.com could also host a 'skills swap' area, in which householders needing jobs done could post those, and local residents with skills to offer could advertise their availability (whether free of charge, as a services-barter arrangement, or on a commercial basis).



A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF HORNINGSEA

Over 100 people responded via survey questionnaire, with many others also taking part in the exhibitions and voicing their opinion at the consultation events or at Parish Council meetings. Horningsea has a small and engaged community, who take a keen interest in village affairs.



So what do people think Horningsea should look like in 10 years time? Essentially not much different from Horningsea of today. The vast majority of people who live here, enjoy living here and are keen to maintain it like it is. We like the friendly community atmosphere, the fact that Horningsea has retained its enchanting historical character and that the size of the village

has changed little despite pressures for growth so close to Cambridge down through the ages. We enjoy the fact that so many of our inhabitants have lived here for a long time, and are informed, articulate and even passionate about its history. We particularly value the peace and tranquillity, and being surrounded by open space, the sense of rurality while at the same time being close to Cambridge and all that the City offers.



Horningsea has a busy social calendar and rich array of activities on offer. We also like many of the activities that are run, and generally feel well served with clubs and events on offer. We value the sense of community spirit and are keen to preserve those qualities for future generations and have included some actions for implementation in this regard. New ideas have

come forward, including walking clubs or organising transport to go on village outings to the theatre on occasion. Senior citizens of our community are keen to be active in a variety of different pastimes and expressed their support for a number of different activities, which include keep fit, local history and many others.

Horningsea is fortunate in that informal networks already exist to help elderly vulnerable residents; but there was support for the idea of a slightly more formal set-up which could supplement the present individual initiatives in this regard, by agreeing to have co-ordinators in various parts of the village who could be contacted in time of need.



The majority of residents consider that Horningsea is about the right size and are keen to ensure that the village retains its character and scale. The idea of Horningsea as a village rather than a suburb was strongly expressed in support of this. If there is to be any infill development in future, it should be small scale, in

keeping with the village character, with high environmental standards and preferably include affordable housing to meet locally generated needs.



Villagers are keen to ensure that the open space in and around the village is preserved, given its importance to the setting and character of the village and as amenity space. We are also proud of our community amenity spaces within the village and are keen to ensure that these are protected and enhanced where possible.

One of the main concerns for residents particularly along the main route through the village is the dominance of vehicular traffic and speeding cars. The majority would like to see some form of unobtrusive priority scheme or speed control in place to help improve this situation. Parking on the footpath along the High Street needs to be tackled where this is causing an obstruction.

We are pleased that pedestrian/ cycle links to Fen Ditton are improving but would also like to see improved links to Baits Bite to help reach Milton and the Towpath and also potentially to Waterbeach.

Many of us would like to have an enhanced bus service between the village and Cambridge as the current service is minimal, but as numbers using the bus are low, it is difficult to press the case further currently. We therefore need to convene a meeting for all those interested in using the bus to consider a proposal as to how we

could make the bus service a more practicable means of transport. As well as this we will need to consider how alternative transport systems may be suited to local needs, such as a community-owned minibus, or better use of Beaches, or another alternative.



The relationship between the village and the river is important and many residents would like to see the links enhanced, but are keen to ensure security. Opportunities could include looking at the potential for making a riverside walk, potential for a ferry crossing (but this needs further exploration to see what may be feasible/ viable), additional seats/ short-stay moorings.

The majority of people feel safe in our village, but there are still a few community safety concerns and there appears to be some real interest in villagers potentially getting involved and looking out for each other.

So how should Horningsea look in 10 years time? Well much the same really...

In 2020... Horningsea maintains its picturesque and rural character despite pressures to grow. It is a tranquil village where people take pleasure in getting out and about safely and enjoying the local environment and the sense of openness. We are all more aware and concerned about our environment and our carbon footprint these days. Fewer people travel by car to work and school, especially now that we have improved links out of the village to Fen Ditton, Cambridge and Waterbeach. We also have more regular links to enhanced public transport in Fen Ditton. Our village is not overly dominated by the passing traffic; indeed it is noticeable how cars seem to drive more slowly through the village since the speed deterrents were put in place, and even better than this, it may even have helped to reduce the amount of passing traffic through our village.

In 2020... after much debate with local residents on development options and needs and consideration with the Parish Council, some small infill development is being planned, mainly to deliver affordable homes to meet the growing needs of the existing community. The design of these new homes is fitting and complements the character and scale of the village and is planned to be built to the highest environmental standards. Farming continues to be commercially viable, and access across open countryside as far as Wicken Fen is widely enjoyed.

In 2020... the village is really beginning to embrace the river again, reconnecting to its roots, more villagers walk down to the river now that there is better access from within the village, with benches to sit and chat or simply watch the river life, There are also regular ball games in the field next to the river so everyone can join in, we even have an annual village rounders game down by the river which makes for an interesting spectacle... There is also a ferry during summer which means you can have easy access to the footpath to Waterbeach from the village, and are hoping to have more of a permanent solution in place eventually so we can cross safely and easily any time of year. The clear signage and good accessibility by foot and cycle to the river, to Waterbeach, and also to Quy Fen also encourage better linkage between us and our neighbouring communities so helps us access wider services and facilities too, particularly for youth activity.

In 2020... community spirit continues to thrive, with the range of activities on offer as expansive as ever. Our Annual Arts and Music Festival seem to attract more people and interest from surrounding areas every year, who are impressed by our range of talent and ambition. Our village has maintained vital services and by improving links with our neighbours, this has given more choice too. The community hall is well used by a variety of groups across the age range and there are regular training sessions on all sorts from IT to flower displays. The Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group continue to involve residents in decision making. Indeed Horningsea is widely renowned for its active community who work together to preserve and enhance its picturesque and historic character, which assures one and all that Horningsea continues to be a good place to live!



The Action	How it will be tackled	Action Category
Celebrate and promote the rich and varied activities on offer through encouraging greater integration on communication and planning for village events and activities	Encourage, support and enthuse. Early and comprehensive communication with and by village groups. Representatives of key groups encouraged to meet to discuss plans and share dates termly. Forward plan developed for events posted on website/ newsletter	A
Investigate and promote opportunity to develop/grow/ establish interest or activity groups	Spring Fair to be held to provide opportunity to promote existing and potential new activity groups. Share names of those who expressed an interest in running/ supporting interest groups.	A
Establish and support access for 11–19s to youth activities	Set up relationship with WAY or other local group	A
Produce a Village 'welcome pack' which outlines essential information for villagers	Produce and print copies for distribution as needed.	A
Update villagers on key issues related to Parish Council and village business	Use various means to communicate; website, newsletter, posters and village noticeboards. Post draft minutes to make info available more frequently and up to date. Open meetings twice yearly. Monthly surgery in the Plough and Fleece?	A

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Medium	Ongoing	PPSG, HRA, PC Meeting maybe quarterly/or seasonally.	Mainly time/ organisation/Maybe present at Spring Fair.	Representative from one of the organisations involved who will report back to PC on progress.
Medium	Easter 2011	PPSG	Time/organisation/ timetable	Frank/Bert? who will report back to PC on progress.
Low	First half 2011	PC	Likely need to subsidise group joined (£500?)	Helen Santilly
Medium	Spring 2011	Jenni Hill, Robert Balm, Peter Davison. Info about the pack to go in Village Guide. Ask for pack to be ready to go out with PP	Meeting with Neighbourhood Watch to organise distribution.	Rep from group to report to PC on progress.
Medium	Mar/Sep	PC	Clerk/ PC to action to allow this to happen.	PC

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Investigate the potential for Twinning Horningsea	Bert to read up on material from Sarah J and report back to group. Representation at Spring Fair	A
Develop Website and undertake communications upgrades	Has someone been appointed to undertake? Money for website agreed	A
Develop links with Neighbourhood Watch	Up and running	A
Improve pedestrian access within and beyond the village, including discouraging of parking of cars on pavement / overhanging trees.	Initial response – direct contact with car/house owner. If outcome unsatisfactory, refer on to appropriate authority.	A/B
Explore potential for improving Broadband hub	B/Band via C.I.C.? Investigate lobby, help	A/B
Investigate potential for setting up a Community Interest Company	Seminar	A/B
Develop the Good neighbour scheme	Investigate good Neighbour Schemes. Ask for Care People to address P.C.	A/B
Promote Beaches Car Scheme	Continue to update in newsletters / events	B

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Low	Spring Fair 2011	Bert	Time/Organisation	PPSG
Low	Spring 2011	Frank Hopkirk, Robert Balm, Chris Lindley. Present ideas at Spring Fair.	Time/Meetings/ Report progress to PC. Info in Village Guide when available.	Representative from group to report to PC
Low	PC to review yearly?	P.C.S.O. A Roe, C Lindley, M Starkie	Time/organisation/ liaison NW/PC/ PCSO	Representative (PCSO?) from group to report to PC
Medium	Jan 2011	PC, Police, County	Time at and in between PC meeting for reporting/letter-writing etc.	Representative from PC to report to PC on progress.
Medium	2012	Tony Phillips, Robert Balm, Chris Lindley, Peter Davison	Time/Meetings/ Report progress to PC. Info in Village Guide when available.	Representative from group to report to PC
Low	Jan/Feb 2011	Tony	Tony to organise and present ideas at Spring Fair	Tony to report to PC.
Low	2011	Jenni Hill, Tricia Smith, Dinah Asplin, Vee Saunders, Bert Santilly.	Time/Meeting early 2011. Advise PC of current activity. Scheme should be in Village Guide	Update PC on current activity.
Medium	Every 2 yrs	PC repeat info campaign at Spring Fair and in Village Guide	Time/Organisation	Celebrate; PC check levels of usage, volunteers

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River: Promote access to and use	<i>P.C. believes that both river frontages are P.C. land.</i>	B
	Invite Cam Conservators to our Spring Fair.	A
	Place news of this in magazine and on village website to inform residents.	A
Establish local voice in allotment management	SCDC to address PC Meeting	B
Explore potential for improving accessibility to local doctors, particularly for those who are without	Investigate level of interest, potential and practicality for holding occasional surgeries within the village. Develop and encourage use of Community car scheme to take people to local surgeries.	B/C
Lobby for the reduction in the speed limit on Clayhithe Road to help safeguard residents and roadusers alike	Lobby for reduction in speed limit to 50. Link with local transport plan.	C
Investigate the potential for improving local sewerage infrastructure in areas where problems have been raised.	Survey sewers and other infrastructure to ensure it meets housing and business needs Raise with SCDC and Anglian Water, Cam Conservators. Ensure adequate infrastructure is provided by AW.	
Explore options for helping reduce speeding traffic through the village and encouraging a safer environment, through investigating potential for putting in place priority measures in the High Street	Meet with CCC to discuss potential/ investigate options Lobby Highways Dept. Sarah J to email details to Peter.	C

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Low	Nov 10	PC (Duncan Apthorp)	Initially, time to establish situation	Representative from PC who will report back to PC
Low	Spring 2011	PPSG	PPSG to write and invite Cam Con. Time	Representative from PPCG who will report back to PC
Low	2011	PPSG, Frank Hopkirk		Frank H to report back to PC
Low	2010	PC, Philip Peacock 01353 865033 Philip.peacock@cambasre.org.uk	Principally time – An allotment association needs to be formed	Needs rep from allotment Association to report back to PC
Medium	Early 2011	PC, LSP then NHS Practice Managers Waterbeach, Barnwell As above plus Beaches	PC meeting early 2011. Appoint someone to make enquiries.	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.
High	2011	PC, County Highways, Police	Time/Meetings CCC/PC/Bus companies	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.
High	Complete 2012	PC, LSP, Linda Browne, Dr P. Noon	Time/ Meetings SCDC/AW/ Cam Conservators	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.
High	2012	PC, County/LSP, Linda Browne, Dr P Noon	Meet CCC/ Highways Dept/ Costings HD and PC	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.

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Seek to maintain and if possible improve core Bus service	Lobby to maintain/ improve service however reduced public subsidy likely to impact.	C
Explore and develop plans for possible Bus service alternatives	Set up local liftshare scheme or similar	B/C
Improve accessibility by foot and bicycle to and from the village through improving Cycle paths surfaces, routes and signage	Cycle path to Fen Ditton near completed, lobby to ensure upkeep and enhance signage	C
	Educate people re existing paths	A
	Improve path to Baits Bite Lock	C
	Improve BBL bridge	A/B
	Investigate opportunities to improve routes N & E	C
Plan for building development to be small-scale and sensitive, include affordable housing	Discuss with S.C.D.C. regarding plans to undertake a Needs Survey. Seek villagers views regarding local needs/ potential for future development as input to SCDC's plan review	C

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Medium	Continuing; but relate to County Council support review timetable	PC (Duncan Apthorp, Catherine Morris)	Meetings with bus companies/CCC routings etc	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.
High, focused on groups, individuals	2011?	PC (Duncan Apthorp, Catherine Morris) Tony Phillips re waterbus	W/bus from Dock Lane/BB Lock	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.
N/A	Done			
Medium	Apr/May 11	Frank Hopkirk	Time/Organisation	Celebrate !
Medium	End 2011	PC	PC establish budget requirement	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress on all these projects.
Medium	Summer 2012	PC/Cam Conservators/ PC Rep/Tony Phillips	Time/Meetings with Cam Con budget etc Meeting to establish Budget/ responsibilities etc	
Low but might change	Summer 2012	PC with Cycling Campaign, other local PCs, Wicken		
Med	Aug 11-Feb 12 (could be slightly later and dependent on timescale for SCDC plan review)	PC, ACRE (Rural Housing Enabler), SCDC	Time/Meetings with ACRE and SCDC	Representative from PC who will report back to PC on progress.

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APPENDICES

i. THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Building development and the environment

1. Which are the prettiest areas of the village?
2. Which are the areas you most like to go to within a mile of Horningsea?
3. Please tell us if there are any public areas in Horningsea that need to be repaired or maintained
4. There are about 130 households in Horningsea parish. Is the size of the community:-
 - 4a. Too large?
 - 4b. About right?
 - 4c. Too small?
5. If you think it is too small or too large, why?
6. Government plans include substantial new housing construction in Cambridgeshire in the coming years. It has been suggested that if more people lived in Horningsea, businesses would thrive more easily and public services – medical, transport, internet, maybe even gas – could be delivered more economically. Do you agree with this line of reasoning? YES/NO.
 - 6a. Why/Why not?
7. If you would support more housing development in Horningsea are there any areas in or close to the village that you think are particularly suitable for construction?
8. How many homes do you suppose could/should be built there?
9. Are there areas that you think should not be built on?
10. Do you have other comments, on size, type of housing, density etc?

Housing Needs
11. Have you or any of your family experienced difficulty in buying or renting housing locally?

NO YES (buying) YES (renting)
12. Please specify your housing difficulties.

Village Hall / Green / Playground
13. Have you used any of these recently
The Village Hall The Millennium Green The Playground
14. Have you ever booked the village hall for an event?

YES / NO

- 14a. If no, do you know how to book the village hall

YES / NO

15. The village hall costs £10.00 and hour for village groups to hire.

Do you think this level of charge is

LOW / REASONABLE / HIGH

16. Please add any further comments on these facilities.

Transport

17. Which of the following destinations do you need to reach twice a week or more often?

Fen Ditton

Waterbeach (including rail station)

Cambridge city

Milton (including the Science Park)

Other destination less than 5 miles away e.g. Girton, Cottenham, Bottisham, Fulbourn

Other destinations more than 5 miles away

18. If the cycle path to Fen Ditton is built, how often do you think you will use it?

Regularly (2+ times a week)

Occasionally

Never

- 18a. Would you use a cycle path to any other local destination regularly?

YES / NO

- 18b. If so, where?

Traffic through the village

19. Speedwatch is a scheme that makes speed cameras available for village residents to operate. The equipment is available to Horningsea residents, but we need six volunteers to ensure that there are three to operate it at the relevant times.

Would you like to be involved?

YES / NO

20. Is traffic speed through the village an issue?

No

It's a big problem

It's a minor irritation.

21. Do we need a Zebra crossing in the village?
YES / NO
- 21a. If yes, where?
22. Would you favour traffic-calming measures
YES / NO
- 22a. If yes, which kind would be the most effective? Why?
Public Transport
23. Does your household have access to a private car?
YES / NO
24. Can you get to Waterbeach station easily?
YES / NO
- 24a. How often do you need to go there?
25. You are probably aware that there was an experiment in 2008 with more frequent buses. The experiment failed because very few residents used the bus.

What, if anything, do you think should be done about the bus service through the village?
26. Beaches Car Service is a scheme, where for a small payment, you can call on volunteer drivers to take you short distances e.g. for doctors' appointments in Waterbeach.

Have you heard of the scheme?
YES / NO
- 26a. Would you like to know more about it?
27. Might you have time occasionally, and a car, to help as a volunteer driver?
28. Do you experience any problems as a result of vehicles parking on the pavements in Horningsea?
YES / NO
- 28a. Where?
- 28b. What kinds of problems?
29. If transport was specially arranged from Horningsea to local venues and events, would you use it?
YES / NO
- 29a. Where would you like to go?
The Junction / Concerts / Clubs / Dance / Music / Theatre / Cinema /

Elsewhere (please specify)

Horningsea and the River Cam

30. At the moment there is some access to the Cam at the end of St John's Lane and Dock Lane.

Do you have ideas on ways that access to the river should / should not be used?
31. Do you think it would be a good idea to have a ferry crossing for Horningsea?
YES / NO
- 31a. Why / Why not?
- 31b. If you think it would be a good idea do you think it should be:-
A fixed chain ferry that anyone can use at any time
A rowing boat ferry that operates at regular times run by volunteers.
A rowing boat ferry that operates on special occasions run by volunteers.
A specially designed, bicycle-powered ferry
Other (please specify).

SOCIAL

32. Residents of Horningsea are automatically members of the Horningsea Residents Association (HRA).

Do you receive the HRA newsletter
YES / NO
- 32a. Have you taken part in any of these HRA events?
Village Day?
Boat trips?
Bonfire Night?
Christmas Tree Light Up?
100 Club?
- 32b. Can you suggest other activities that you would support?
33. Would you like to join a village walking group to explore the paths and areas around Horningsea?

Yes I would like to help in the set-up.
Yes, I would like to be a member if one is established.
No thanks, not interested.
34. Would you be interested in setting up or joining a Gardening club?

Yes I would like to help in the set-up.

Yes, I would like to be a member if one is established.

No thanks, not interested.

34a. If you are interested would you like to be involved in any of these?

Planting and maintenance of an Eco-garden.

Garden visits.

Speakers.

Allotment group.

Plant exchanges e.g. spring for seedlings and cuttings, autumn for perennials.

Plantings such as seasonal flower beds around the village.

Apple harvest and pressing in the autumn.

Others (Please specify).

35. Would you be interested in setting up or joining a Crafts group?

Yes I would like to help in the set-up.

Yes, I would like to be a member if one is established.

No thanks, not interested.

36. Would you be interested in setting up or joining a Cookery class?

Yes I would like to help in the set-up.

Yes, I would like to be a member if one is established.

No thanks, not interested.

37. Are there any other social or hobby activity groups that you wish existed in the village?

37a. Would you be prepared to help in setting any of these up?

YES / NO.

38. Would you like to be involved with or help set up a Village twinning programme?

YES / NO.

38a. If yes, which countries would you most like to be twinned with?

38b. Do you have any special connections with these countries?

Activities for older people

39. Would you be interested in any of these activities for senior citizens?

Regular social event in the village hall or pub.

Whist drive.

Coffee morning.

Afternoon tea.

Keep fit.

Local history.

Music and singing.

Arts and craft.

Other (please specify).

40. Would you like the chance to attend local classes that interest you?

YES / NO.

Ideas for classes.

41. Would you be interested in a "Good Neighbour" scheme to help with:-

Transport.

Shopping.

Regular trips out.

Help in emergencies.

A friend who can just pop in for tea and chat.

42. Would you like help and advice with forms and paperwork?

YES / NO.

43. Would you like to see a local doctor willing to hold surgeries in the village hall?

YES / NO.

44. Do you have any other needs or interests which are currently not adequately catered for?

YES / NO.

44a. Please give details.

Youth activities

45. There is a youth club in Waterbeach. Have you ever been there?

45a. If yes, what did you think of it?

45b. Would you consider going there?

YES / NO.

46. Do you have any comments on youth clubs?

47. Do you have any comments on outings for young people?

Children's activities, parents and toddlers.

48. A parent and toddler group has recently opened in the village. Would you like to be involved?
49. Are there any ways you would like to see the safety of the children's playground improved?
- 49a. Are there any facilities required there?
50. How can we make the young people of Horningsea more involved with the adult residents in the village for their mutual benefit?
51. Do you have enough access to information regarding health and education for your children?
YES / NO.
Internet access and communications
52. Do you have internet access at home?
- 52a. If yes, is your internet access fast enough for your needs?
YES / NO.
The name of your service provider:
- 52b. If no, would you consider having an internet connection?
YES / NO.
53. Have you used the village website www.horningsea.com?
- 53a. When did you last visit it?
- 53b. How often do you visit it?
- 53c. What do you use it for?
54. Please complete the sentence "I would visit www.horningsea.com regularly if..."
55. Do you receive the monthly email newsletter the Horningsea Herald?
YES / NO.
- 55a. Is it useful?
YES / NO.
56. Please complete the sentence;- "The Horningsea Herald would be more useful in my household if..."
57. If you do not receive the Horningsea Herald would you like to?
YES / NO. (Please give the email address to which you would like it to be sent).
58. Do you feel well informed about local issues and events?
YES / NO.
59. How do you think information should be made available?

- Newsletter to all households.
- Notice boards.
- Website.
- Open meetings.
- Employment
60. Do you work from home?
YES / NO.
- 60a. If yes, what are the difficulties?
- 60b. If yes, what are the benefits?
- 60c. If yes, would you appreciate opportunities to network with other people who work from home in the village?
YES / NO.
61. If you had the opportunity would you like to work from home?
YES / NO.
62. Do you run or work for a business in Horningsea?
YES / NO.
- 62a. Is it difficult to find and/or retain staff?
YES / NO.
- 62b. Why?
- 62c. What makes Horningsea a suitable/unsuitable location for your business?
63. If you don't work in Horningsea, what is the opening part of your work postcode?
64. Is your work:
FULL TIME / PART TIME.
65. Are you unemployed?
YES / NO.
- 65a. If yes, what services would be most useful to you in finding work?
Shops
66. How often do you shop at the Village Store in the High Street?
67. How often do you shop at Notcutts?
68. Which two shops in Fen Ditton / Barnwell do you most use?
69. Which two shops in Waterbeach do you most use?
70. Where do you do your main regular grocery shopping?

The Community

Community ownership and community development.

One way we can take more control of activities in the village is to set up our own Community Interest Company (CIC).

A Community Interest Company would allow the residents of Horningsea to run a not for profit company with `limited liability` just like a normal company, to take responsibility for things like:

Running a shop.

Building `self-build` houses and other projects.

Running a mooring for visiting boaters.

Running regular events and festivals.

Employing people to do jobs around the village.

Running a youth club.

Getting help to run your current club or society.

Starting up a new club or society.

Running a volunteer project or student unit to get extra help for free.

71. Would you like to know more about the idea, listen to a visiting speaker and possibly get involved?

YES / NO.

72. Please add any comments on these ideas.

Community Safety

73. Do you have any concerns about your personal safety in Horningsea, or that of your family or home?

YES / NO.

74. Have you been a victim of vandalism or other offence in the last year?

YES / NO.

- 74a. If yes, did you report it to the police?

YES / NO.

- 74b. If so, was it dealt with satisfactorily?

YES / NO.

75. Are you part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

YES / NO.

- 75a. If not, would you like to be?

YES / NO.

76. Would you be prepared to help start up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area/road?

YES / NO.

Health and social care

77. Do you or does someone in your household have special health or social-care needs?

YES / NO.

78. Are those needs adequately catered for

In Horningsea

In Fen Ditton

In Waterbeach

Not catered for.

79. Do you use any NHS or other health services at home?

YES / NO.

80. Do you feel you have adequate access to health/social care?

YES / NO.

2010 Horningsea celebration

In the millennium year 2000 we celebrated the opening of our new village hall pavilion, development of the new village green and renewed pond and orchard. 2005 saw Horningsea being awarded Village of the Year for South Cambridgeshire, creation of a Jubilee Garden with War Memorial and complete refurbishment of our children`s play area. It has been suggested we stage a celebration in 2010 to emphasise what Horningsea already possesses by way of a Residents` Association, Women`s Institute, Church activity, toddler group, horticultural show, book club, art and music groups etc.

81. Do you think that this is a good idea?

YES / NO.

- 81a. Do you have any views on how this might best be organised?

YES / NO.

82. Are you prepared to become a member of an organising committee?

YES / NO.

Your contribution

83. What do you like best about living in Horningsea?

84. How would you describe Horningsea to someone who has never been?

85. Are there ways in which you would like the village to change?

86. What makes Horningsea special for you?
87. Can you describe your vision of Horningsea in 2020?
88. Have you got talents or skills that you would like to offer the village? (Come on now, don't be modest!)

Please tell us about yourself

Name

Address

Age 70+ 18 – 24
 55 – 69 12 – 17
 40 – 44 5 – 11
 25 - 39

Including you, how many people are there in your household?

If you expressed an interest in joining in or leading activities, or if you told us about a problem you need help with, we would like to contact you again. We would certainly like to keep you informed about progress with the Parish Plan.

Are you happy for us to use your home address?

YES / NO.

Do you have an email address or phone number you would like us to use?

Thank you for getting this far! Please return your form to Peter Davison, Kings Acre, High Street.

ii. COMMENTS FROM RESPONDENTS

(Open) views/pretty/picturesque

Quiet/Peaceful/Tranquil

I chose to live here because it's a village not the 'burbs.

I want H to remain a 'sleepy' exclusive village. That's why I moved here.

...the reason we chose to live here is because we don't want all that stuff - or more people. If we wanted it we can find it elsewhere.

This is a village miraculously rural for three miles from town. If you want peace etc you give up other stuff.

Quiet, countryside, close to city

Always been my home

Rural atmosphere yet close to city and amenities

I feel as though I can make a difference

I feel part of a community

Good village atmosphere

Access to Cambridge

Quiet, close to the city

History, peace and quiet, rural location

Good size, nice people, close to Cambridge

Peace/quiet/interesting mix of people/good level of involvement/attractive setting close to Cambridge

In the countryside but close to the town

Quiet small village with an ever-growing sense of community

Close to Cambridge but an oasis and still a beautiful village

Size of the village and being able to make friends with people especially new residents

Small, pretty and near to Cambridge

Friendly

I wouldn't. Let's keep it a secret!

The feeling to live in the countryside/close to nature and being so close to Cambridge

Friendly people, helpful and pleasant

Countryside feel yet close to the city

The people

Size of village; location – distance to work/A14; my house; my friends; the historical importance of the church

Good environmental location close to A14 and businesses

iii. LIST OF PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP SET UP/RUN NEW ACTIVITIES.

Activity/Skill/Knowledge Contact

- Energy, organising, writing, communication skills, *P Davison*
- Sewing, teaching, cooking, public speaking, *German, S Sahni*
- Spanish at a basic conversational level, *H Stone*
- Social enterprise development/charity start-ups, social work student unit (to support local residents), musician and promoter with festival experience, carpentry, gardening/allotment, *T Phillips*
- Making jams, chutneys, baking and alcoholic drinks, *E Asplin*

- Committee and trustee work, *M Parker*
- Artist/Art class, *B Parker*
- Help to organise installation of water meters, *A Clarke*
- Qualified biologist, advice on wildlife and ecology; tuition in chemistry and biology. *G Dew*
- Knowledge of surrounding area and natural history. Keen to promote energy saving and re-cycling. *C Clarke*
- Sporting and social skills. *M Rees*
- Compile a village history and use the knowledge of residents who have lived here to help compile it. Contact not known (please tell me if you know who it is), Bert.
- Singing, *J Davies*
- Organisational skills. *V Davies*
- Musician, cycle maintenance, French, Italian, *B Santilly*
- Primary school teacher (30 years experience). Mathematics consultant, special needs advisor (e.g. dyslexia friendly formats for forms, letters, emails). Researching family tree. *H Santilly*
- Painting, cooking, organising skills, *J Gallagher*
- Knowledge of green issues such as renewable generation, and energy efficiency in buildings, *R McMahon*
- Memories, *D Asplin*
- Plants, local history, ecology, *C Buchahl*
- Teaching crochet, *M Starkie*
- Music, organisation skills, *F Hopkirk*
- Imagination, accounting, *M Harrison*
- Operating a 360-degree excavator (JCB), *J Garland*
- Organization, food preparation, creative arts, *J Hill*
- Computer expertise, personal finance, *M Hill*
- IT, networking, website, etc. *C Lindley*
- French, *H Grislin*
- Good organisational skills, *J Tunnacliffe*
- Willing to help, *J Rooke*

iv. **WEB LINKS AND OTHER USEFUL REFERENCES.**

Web Link Details

www.horningsea.com

Horningsea's official website. It is split into sections giving information about different aspects of the village in a very easy to use manner. This site contains everything you could ever wish to know about Horningsea!

www.scambs.gov.uk

South Cambridgeshire's official website giving information on its activities.

www.cambsacre.org.uk

Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is the rural community council for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

ACRE:

- Engages with the rural communities of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by supporting community participation, providing funding advice, facilitating community-led planning and setting up new projects.
- Works in partnership with individuals and organisations and seek to influence policy makers at local, regional and national level.
- Carries out research and analysis, building a rural evidence base that underpins and advises on our own work and that of others.

www.cambstogether.org.uk

Cambridgeshire together is a group of local organisations that are working together to improve the quality of life for those who live, work and travel in Cambridgeshire. It has developed two plans to deliver these changes, the Vision and the Local Area Agreement (LAA). See the website for more details.

v. **LIST OF PEOPLE WILLING TO BE SUPPORT NETWORK COORDINATORS.**

- Jenni Hill

All offers welcome. Please contact Bert Santilly.

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Our inside back cover photo shows the central area of Horningsea.

Our back cover is a map of Horningsea by local artist Jane Newman.

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THE
CROWN
AND
PUNCHBOWL
Public House
Parking at Rear

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Horningsea & Clayhithe

Map Reference
 E = East of High Street
 W = West of High Street



- | Map Ref | Name & Place |
|---------|----------------------------|
| W1 | Abbey Mill, No 1 & 2 |
| W2 | Abbey Mill, No 3 & 4 |
| W3 | Abbey Garden, Ferry Road |
| W4 | Abbey Cottage, High Street |
| W5 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
| W6 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
| W7 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
| W8 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
| E1 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
| E2 | Abbey Farm, High Street |
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| E8 | Abbey Farm, High Street |

Please note this map is not drawn to scale. To enable all properties to be clearly labelled larger open areas and buildings have been reduced to allow more space where houses are close together.