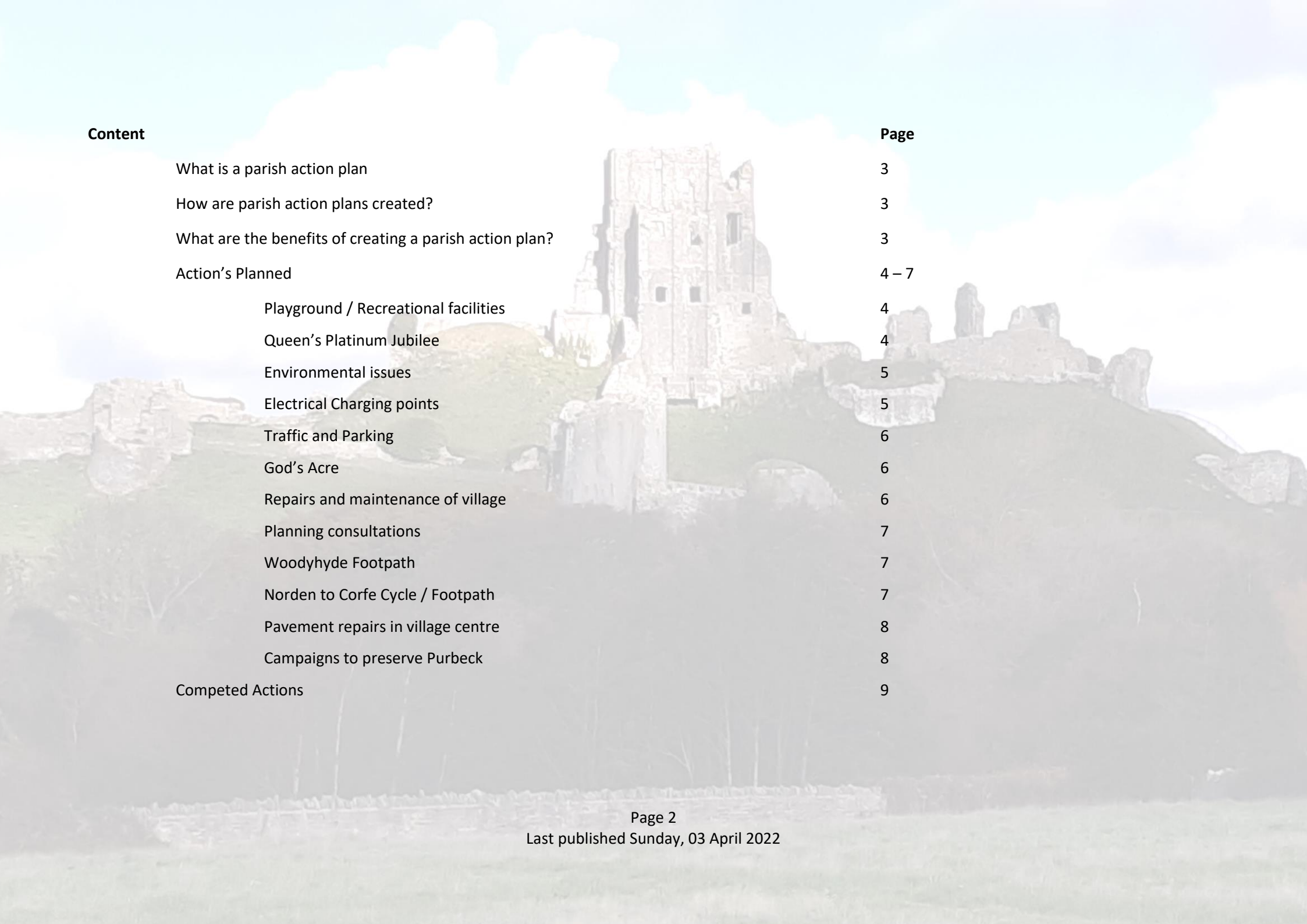


A photograph of Corfe Castle, a medieval ruin on a grassy hill. The castle's stone walls and towers are visible against a blue sky with white clouds. The foreground is a grassy field with some trees and a low stone wall.

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH ACTION PLAN

The background of the page is a faded, artistic illustration of a stone tower or castle ruin situated on a grassy hill. The sky is light blue with soft white clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and scenic.

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What is a parish action plan?

A parish action plan is a document the Parish Council produce based on information gathered on how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. It is a living document that develops over time reflecting the views of the community as a whole and contains an action plan which identifies practical steps that can be taken to help the community achieve its vision for the future.

Note: A list of actions completed are listed at the end of the document.

How are parish action plans created?

Parish actions plans can only be created if there are projects which will enhance the local area.

New project ideas are welcomed from all, either by popping along to a full council meeting and within the public half hour raising the project idea, or alternatively by talking to one of your councillors or your clerk. Anyone associated to the parish can raise an idea, from residents, local business owners and people who come to work in the community.

If an idea which is presented to council is approved, not only will it be added to the action plan, but the project will be assigned to either the Clerk or a working group will be set up to see the project through.

This year we are creating our parish action plan online, so that action progress can be updated, new project's added, all whilst keeping you informed on what is going on in your parish, along with saving paper when copies become outdated. Updates will be added in a different colour so that you can easily identify the latest actions.

What are the benefits of creating a parish action plan?

There are numerous benefits that can be derived from the creation of a parish action plan including:

- Enhances communication between the Council and parishioners,
- Revived interest in the community for some of its residents after Covid lockdown's,
- Greater awareness of the community and what it has to offer for new residents,
- The plan can provide evidence of need which can be used to lobby service providers,
- The plan can provide evidence of need which can be used to support funding bids,
- The plan promotes partnership working between residents, the parish councils, the local authority, and other service providers,
- The plan can be used as a celebration and snapshot of the community's history.

Action Plan

Project or Policy	Details of Project	Current Position	Finance implications	Next steps	Working Group Assigned
Playground / Recreational facilities	Replace adult fitness equipment	On-going research	£10,000	Consider as part of budget 23-24, plus seek grants	Playground Working Group: Cllr Blinkhorn, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Dru Drury & Clerk
	Future playground enhancements	Current suggestions: • New surface for basketball area • Running track	TBC	Consider as part of future budget proposals	
	Health & safety assessments & repairs	Monthly internal assessments and annual external inspection carried out to identify any issues in need of attention. 2022 External inspection carried out and findings returned to council. The caretaker will work through the findings over throughout the remainder of 2022.	Case by case basis. Earmarked reserves to cover	Continue monitoring	Caretaker & Clerk.
Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Full council to discuss village celebrations? Including planting memorial oak tree with stone bench, planting 70 trees around the Parish, & light of a beacon.	Parish Council has asked Crazy 4 Corfe to help and have set up a Jubilee Working Group to assist. Crazy 4 Corfe are working hard to raise funds for a commemorative Oak Tree and plaque, commemorative bench, the lighting of the beacon, plus many other activities.	Unknown to date	-	Working group Cllr Blinkhorn, Cllr Clarke; Cllr Roberts, Mr Spicer-Short

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Environmental issues	Raising awareness about biodiversity and climate change	- Giki Pro launched, continued support and encouragement to join required. - Regular talks given to groups such as Aquarius and the Corfe Castle Gardening Club etc. - Grow connections with local groups, i.e. Brownies & Youth Club. - DC has now adopted Giki Pro	Giki Pro free to Parish Councils. All finance to come from environmental group reserves.		Environment Working Group: Cllr Parish Cllr Sumbler Mr Luke Mr Brown Mr Pink Mr Kemp Ms Fooks Chairman, Vice Chairman & Clerk
	Biodiversity schemes	Identify areas for tree planting, & wildflowers.	Environmental group reserves.		
Electrical Charging points	Electrical Charging points in resident's car park	Initial investigations continue into need / want of electrical car charging points within the resident's car parking area. Permit holders have been sent questionnaire.	Costs to be met from grant and users	On-going	Clerk
Traffic and parking.	Study not formally adopted yet. Dorset Council opposed to Station Road parking proposals.	Awaiting recommendation from parking group as to whether we should consult on some parts of the report. Some small changes will be implemented by Dorset Council.	-		Parking and Traffic working group. Cllr Dru Drury, Cllr Haywood Cllr Spicer Short

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God's Acre	Explore if Gods Acre New extension grazing land could be enhanced for bio-diversity.	On-going	Unknown at present	Investigation required	Gods Acre Working Group: Cllr Clarke Cllr Haywood Cllr Spicer-Short & Clerk
	Explore whether to enhance visitor facilities e.g. shelter	On-going	Unknown at present	Investigation required	
	Level up old graves and enhance landscaping including investigation into removing spoil pile or using as a wildflower area.	During the 2021 /22 winter months the Caretaker has levelled ¼ of the graves within the 1925 site. This work will now be paused for the summer months and will resume in October 2022.	Budgeted caretaker hours to level graves, plus minimal cost for wildflower seeds.	Further investigation required	
	Transfer of land ownership from Trustees to Council	Initial investigations started.	Unknown at this time.	Continue with investigation.	
Repairs and maintenance of village	Caretaker works 5 hours a week which is insufficient to do both cleaning and repairs	Council agreed to keep current Caretaker hours at the same level, but with a provision of additional hours as and when required in consultation with the Clerk	Provision set aside in 22/23 Budget for additional hours	Clerk to work with Caretaker on a monthly administrative role to progress the parish maintenance	Caretaker & Clerk

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Planning consultations	Corfe Castle Community Land Trust – Affordable Homes	Formal response to planning application agreed and submitted.	None	Awaiting planning application verdict from Dorset Council	Planning working group: Cllr Dru Drury, Cllr Haywood Cllr Spicer Short
	Swanworth Quarry application for extension of site	In Sept 2020 CCPC were mindful to make no objection subject to a number of conditions. AONB have objected and the application has not been determined to date.	None		
	General planning	Monitor all planning applications for the parish.	None		
	Treeworks applications	Monitor all Treework applications for the parish	None		Cllr Blinkhorn, Cllr J Dragon
Woodyhyde Footpath	Complete footpath	Landowner and tenant in discussion over access. National Trust have repaired their gate at the bottom of the field, Dorset Council have installed a new gate at the top of the field and are awaiting landowner / tenant discussion outcome before installing new fingerposts. Woodyhyde Campsite have offered to install a new culvert to reduce water levels within the bottom of the field.	Parish Council have paid for works from the 21/22 budget. No further cost is expected for 22/23	Await outcome of landowner / tenant discussions	Clerk
Norden to Corfe Cycle / Footpath	Dorset Council to install a cycle / footpath from Norden to Corfe Castle.	Dorset Council investigations on-going	None to the parish council	Pursue Dorset Council	Dorset Council

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Pavement repairs in village centre	Replace broken/tarmac stones or contribute to wider Dorset Council replacement scheme	Corfe Castle Parish Council has a reserve of £5,000 for this but this would only deal with a small number of the most damaged stones. It would need substantial Dorset Council input to make a visible difference	No confirmed figures.	In abeyance until Dorset Council comes up with scheme	TBC
	Pavement outside 28/30 East Street regularly broken as it is only off-street space for trades/disabled bus etc	Dorset Council once offered to fund 1/3 of cost of permanent East Street repair. Dorset Council do repair on a stone-by-stone basis			
Campaigns to preserve Purbeck	Threat to remove Ambulance Cover	Swanage led campaign which Corfe Castle Parish Council has supported	None		TBC
	Affordable homes and Second homes	Growing concern about impact of second homes nationally but muted Purbeck response, Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed a policy of discouraging growth in second home ownership		Council to decide if it wishes to lead second homes issue in Purbeck	

Completed Actions

Project or Policy	Details of Project	Actions Taken	Finance implications
Playground	New play equipment “Out of the Ruins”	Complete	£27,655 net from reserves
Playground	Roundabout	Repaired	£1,200 new from reserves
Traffic & Parking	Speed Indicator Device (SID)	A SID has been installed and is moved as per guidelines every few weeks by 2 parish volunteers.	Equipment bought, using project reserves. Minimal on-going cost.
Traffic & Parking	Community Speed Watch	A Community Speed Watch Scheme has been initiated and a group of 11 volunteers carry out regular roadside sessions.	Equipment bought from Dorset Police, using project reserves. Minimal on-going cost.
God’s Acre	Long term budget strategy to be agreed as costs exceed income	Council agreed to increase the interment & memorial rights fees from April 2022. Council agreed administrative fees should represent the true administrative costs.	-
God’s Acre	Explore dedicated parking area for Funeral Directors vehicles and family cars.	Gravel pathway wide enough for vehicles laid when field first handed over to trustees. Suitable for vehicle access.	-
Residents Car Park	Drainage	A new drainage system has been installed on the Northeast section of the car park.	Paid for from reserves.
Environment Group	Our Secret Field	The Parish Council have decided not to continue with this project. The National Trust will now oversee.	
Environment Group	Encombe Tree Nursery	The Parish Council have decided not to continue with this project. The Encombe Estate Trust will now oversee.	