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Objective	Action	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification/ comments	Completed?	Sustainable Communities Strategy Theme
Access	Campaign to encourage homeowners to cut back their overhanging foliage.	M	01/06/2019	Ongoing	Parish Council/ Highways		65% of respondents complained about overgrown hedges		Accessibility
Access	Review responsibilities for funding of hedge cutting along major roads.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council/ Highways		65% of respondents complained about overgrown hedges making pedestrian access difficult/dangerous and obscuring road signs		Accessibility
Reduce littering	Provide more bins (dog and rubbish).	H	01/04/2017	Ongoing review	Parish Council/ Highways		71% of respondents said that they were not satisfied with litter clearance		Infrastructure
Access	Improved wheeled access to the Lock.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Land owners and West Berks Council	A significant number of comments received from users of mobility vehicles, those with children's buggies and those less steady on their feet.		Accessibility
Flood education	Arrange an annual meeting for local people with Flood Wardens where concerns could be discussed, Wardens identified and information made available.	M	Autumn 2017	ongoing annually	Parish Council	Environment Agency, West Berks Council	68% of respondents wanted a meeting	Yes	Safer
Flood education	A leaflet to be delivered through schools to reassure children and to help them understand about flooding.	L	01/10/2019		Parish Council	Environment Agency, West Berks Council	Comments from some children suggested a level of anxiety		Healthier
Maintain required services	Represent the suggestions from local people to land owners and organisations, which manage the river and Thames Path.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		Improve access and signage for Thames Path and Lock area		Community

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Countryside	Encourage people to look after our beauty spots by clearing up after themselves and their dogs.	H	01/06/2017	Ongoing	Parish Council		Promote good community use of river area		Community
Actively engage the village	Increase publicity to promote the venues and their locations within the village.	M	01/06/2019	Ongoing	Parish Council		Many comments demonstrate a lack of knowledge about existing activities and their venues		Community
Actively engage the village	To advertise the activities, events and clubs available at The Barn, The Memorial Hall, St Marys Church Hall, Purley Sports and Social Club and Purley Park Social Club.	M	01/04/2018		Parish Council	Memorial Hall, Social Clubs, Church	Many comments demonstrate a lack of knowledge about existing activities and their venues		Community
Actively engage the village	Compile a Directory of clubs and activities.	M	01/06/2019	01/12/2018	Parish Council		Promote good range of facilities, clubs and societies available	Yes	Community
Actively engage the village	Compile a Directory of venues available for hire, scope for use with contact details.	H	01/11/2018	01/04/2019	Parish Council		Many comments reflect unawareness of venues and what they can offer		Community
Communication	Make contact with U3A.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		Add to range of community facilities, particularly for over 60s as requested by a number of residents.		Community
Maintain required services	Monitor the uptake and use of the library services.	H	01/06/2017	Ongoing	Parish Council		Promote good range of facilities, clubs and societies available	Yes	Community
Education	In any, current or to be developed IT support programmes in the village, include help on the use of E Books programmes.	M	01/06/2019		Silver Surfers		Promote good range of facilities, clubs and societies available		Learning
Improve facilities	Investigate the possibility of a book exchange point.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		Increase range of community facilities		Community

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Improve facilities	Investigate the feasibility of developing a network of cycle paths as a transport and leisure facility.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	Local land owners, West Berks Council	A significant number of people asked for safe cycle route from Purley to Tilehurst area and Pangbourne. This is needed as a recreation facility and for safe transport		Healthier
Improve facilities for under 18's	To consult with West Berkshire Council regarding their future planning or provision of "Youth Services" within the Purley area.	M	01/06/2019		West Berks Council	Parish Council	38% of respondents would like a youth club or more informal meeting place		Community
Recreation	To consult with West Berkshire Council and other local Parish Councils regarding the possibility of having a local swimming pool and whether the Cotswold Sports Centre is supplying adequate indoor gym facilities.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	West Berks Council	81% of respondents wanted a local swimming pool		Infrastructure
Recreation	To consult with local sports clubs to see if a suitable location for an all-weather pitch could be identified within the Parish and what funding streams could be available to finance the installation.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council /Recreation	West Berks /Local sports clubs	28% of respondents wanted this facility		Infrastructure
Recreation	To consult with relevant bodies about creating a grass running track/athletics area and Skateboard Park within the Parish.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council /Recreation	West Berks Council	20% of respondents wanted these facilities		Infrastructure
Recreation	To seek to increase the range of play equipment in Bucknell's Meadow and to install items that would appeal to a wider age group.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council /Recreation		36% of respondents would like to see a wider range of new play equipment		Infrastructure
Countryside	To install more seating and waste bins in Bucknell's Meadow.	H	03/03/18/	04/04/2018	Parish Council /Recreation		70% of respondents wanted these facilities		Infrastructure
Recreation	To amend the grass cutting contract to ensure the grass is kept shorter at Bucknell's Meadow.	M	03/04/18/	04/04/2018	Parish Council		48% of respondents wanted this action	Yes	Accessibility

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Access	To consult with local land owners in respect of installing an additional disabled friendly entrance gate into Bucknell's Meadow.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Adjoining land owners	48% of respondents wanted this facility		Accessibility
Improve facilities	To evaluate whether it would be feasible to provide public toilets at Bucknell's Meadow.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		61% of respondents wanted this facility		Infrastructure
Recreation	To consider the feasibility of creating a grass running/jogging track in Bucknell's Meadow.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council /Recreation		22% of respondents wanted this facility		Infrastructure
Recreation	To consider fixing a closing mechanism to the entrance gate to the Goosecroft Playground to make it a safer environment for youngsters.	H	01/07/2018	20/08/2018	Parish Council			Yes	Safer
Recreation	To consider new items of play equipment for the Goosecroft Playground.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council /Recreation		31% of respondents wanted new play equipment items		Infrastructure
Improve facilities	To consider if the Goosecroft Recreation Ground could be made available for more "Community Events".	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council /Recreation	Local sports clubs	65% of respondents wanted more community events		Community
Improve facilities	To consider if it would be possible to provide greater public access to any of the toilets that are located at Goosecroft.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council /Recreation	PSSC	58% of respondents wanted greater access to existing toilets		Accessibility
Improve facilities	To consult with local land owners and West Berkshire Council in respect of trying to create a safer pedestrian access via Goosecroft Lane to the Goosecroft Recreation Ground.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Adjoining land owners	49% of respondents wanted safer pedestrian access to Goosecroft		Safer
Recreation	To try to significantly expand the amount of recreational land available at Goosecroft for organised sports and community events and to give consideration as to whether an all-weather pitch with floodlights could be located at Goosecroft.	M	01/06/2019		Goosecroft Development Group	West Berks Council and adjoining landowner	39% of respondents wanted more recreational land and 28% wanted an all weather pitch.		Infrastructure
Improve facilities for under 18's	To evaluate if a Youth Shelter should be located at Goosecroft or alternatively at Bucknell's Meadow.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council	T.V.P.	22% of respondents wanted this facility		Infrastructure
Communication	To review the current signage to Goosecroft.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council	West Berks Council			Informative

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Recreation	Trentham Bowls Club to promote itself more within the Parish to attract more parishioners to become members.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council /Recreation	Parish Council			Accessibility
Planning	Inform organisations responsible for making planning decisions of new Village Plan.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	West Berks Council	Strength of feeling(62%) not wanting future housing development to extend beyond the edge of current housing. There was 20% more support for new housing being small family homes than any other kind of housing.		Community
Planning	Consider whether a Neighbourhood Action Plan is advisable.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	West Berks Council	To be able to influence planning decisions as to reflect Village Plan(see Action 21)		Community
Transport	Better publicity for the transport schemes (Carebus, Readibus and the Pangbourne and District Volunteer Centre's service) in place to help those with disability needs.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Alternative transport providers	Only 2% of respondents use Readibus or Carebus but comments suggest that more people could do so		Accessibility
Transport	Support the establishment of a new volunteers' home to bus stop service, this was in progress as the Village Plan Document was being prepared.	H	01/07/2018	Under review			Feedback to PC prior to VP questionnaire and comments from questionnaire	Yes	Accessibility
Improve services	Approach the Boathouse Surgery Medical Practice, Pangbourne, to see whether it would be prepared to extend in-house pharmacy services to Purley on Thames residents.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council		11% of respondents were dissatisfied with provision of doctor and dentist surgeries		Accessibility
Improve services	Seek opportunities to encourage the establishment of doctor and dental surgeries in Purley on Thames.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council		As above but with a large aging population there is likely to be an increasing need		Accessibility

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Improve services	Seek ways to promote the various support services in Purley on Thames for those in need.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council		100% of respondents said that they were unsure of local help available		Healthier
Neighbourly Support	Purley on Thames Parish Council to set up an informal service to provide support to those in need of voluntary help in and around the home.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council		27 respondents said they would like help with a range of tasks		Healthier
Neighbourly Support	Pursue the engagement of a Village Ambassador.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Volunteer Centre West Berks	A number of objectives identified in the Village Plan could be met or assisted by a Village Ambassador		Informative
Recreation	To buy/rent more local land for the school to use as outdoor play space.	H	01/11/2018		West Berks Council		23% of people were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the amount of outdoor space available & 19% commented that when Purley Primary School was extended there was no green space on the school premises, there is too little outdoor space for running around and for playing or for sport.		Infrastructure
Education	To create more places in Purley on Thames schools.	H	01/11/2018		West Berks Council		24% of people were dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the availability of places in the schools in the catchment area		Community

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Community Services	To investigate building a toilet at Bucknell's Meadow to allow the field to be used by the school. It could also be used on Village event days. Duplicate	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		23% of people were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the amount of outdoor space available & 19% commented that when Purley Primary School was extended there was no green space on the school premises, there is too little outdoor space for running around and for playing or for sport. It would improve the viability of village events		Accessibility
Transport	To represent the concerns and suggestions of local people to the bus companies.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	Bus companies			
Transport	To represent the concerns and suggestions of local people to the train companies.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	Train companies			
Transport	To represent the concerns and suggestions of local people to West Berkshire District Council.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	West Berks Council			
Reduce Crime	To reduce all types of crime in Purley on Thames by encouraging more members of the community to take an active part in crime prevention initiatives backed by the police e.g. Neighbourhood Watch.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Neighbourhood Watch, West Berks Council	Social involvement in crime reduction		Safer
Reduce Crime	To work with the NAG to improve community involvement in the safety and security of Purley on Thames residents.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council	NAG, Thames Valley Police	Allows a wider group to participate in crime reduction		Safer
Reduce Crime	To encourage residents to report crimes to the police.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	Thames Valley Police	Help focus police resources on areas of crime		Safer

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Communication	To ensure that information on crime, local crime prevention initiatives and outcomes are provided to local residents.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Thames Valley Police	Comments made by parishioners		Informative
Education	To support education about the effects of misuse of alcohol and drugs.	L	01/11/2019		Parish Council	Thames Valley Police	Regular 'finds' of drug paraphernalia on recreation areas		Informative
Broadband	Further survey and analysis work to identify any areas of Purley on Thames where a broadband speed of 20Mb/s or better is not available.	H	01/11/2018		Parish Council	Broadband service provider	Ensure all in village can obtain broadband at 20Mb/sec or greater		Infrastructure
Broadband	Follow up with broadband service providers any areas that do not benefit from a 20Mb/s broadband service.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council	Broadband service provider	Ensure all in village can obtain broadband at 20Mb/sec or greater		Infrastructure
Education	Identify ways computer education needs can be provided.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		Feedback from questionnaire		Learning
Communication	Review the location and size of Parish notice boards to cover more of the village.	H	01/04/2017		Parish Council /Highways		48% of respondents currently get information from noticeboards but there are no boards near the newer housing developments		Informative
Communication	Add an events section to the Parish Council website.	H	18/10/2017	18/10/2017	Parish Council		Inform parishioners	Yes	Informative
Communication	Every club, society and social organisation in Purley on Thames to be given the opportunity to be listed in this Village Plan Document.	H	22/08/2017	01/11/2018	VP Steering Committee		Inform parishioners	Yes	Informative
Communication	Expand the current electronic newsletter to include a 'what's on' section.	H	01/08/2018	01/08/2018	Parish Council		Inform parishioners	Yes	Informative
Communication	A village clubs and societies day to be held to enable parishioners to find out more about activities they may be interested in.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		41% of respondents were unaware of activities listed in the Village Plan		Community

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Communication	Consideration to be given to setting up a separate regular free news journal to all households in the village.	M	01/06/2019		Parish Council		Purley Parish News is the way that 66% of respondents find out what is going on but it is a 'pay for' journal		Community
Communication	Consider a "Welcome Pack" for new residents.	M	01/06/2019				Inform parishioners		Community
Community Services	Conduct a 'Community Needs Assessment' to more fully understand how the community would like to see the redeveloped church used i.e. meeting rooms for business people, a coffee-shop, drop-in centre, clothing bank, etc.	M	01/06/2019		St Mary's Church		Comments from respondents wanting the local church to be more a part of the community		Community
Communication	Identify a suitable site, preferably on the A329 (Oxford Road-Purley Rise) for a dedicated St. Mary's noticeboard advertising the church and its events.	M	01/06/2019		St Mary's Church		Comments from respondents wanting the local church to be more a part of the community		Community
Village development	Plan to floodlight the church tower, to raise its visibility within the immediate community and further afield.	M	01/06/2019		St Mary's Church				Community
Broadband	Plan to install Wi-Fi within the church so that it can be offered as a community service.	M	01/06/2019		St Mary's Church		To enable more community functions in the church		Community

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