

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP)

Parish name: Haughley.

Area covered: Haughley, Haughley Green, Haughley New Street,

Date of PIIP: 20th July 2021 Date of next review: July 2022

Date adopted / approved by Parish Council: 20th July 2021

REQUIRED INFORMATION SECTION

Existing infrastructure audit.

Services and facilities within the local area, their condition, location, existing capacity and catchment area.

This alphabetical list outlines the services and facilities available within the boundaries of the vibrant parish of Haughley village. Brief comments are also provided:

- Ancient castle mound of historic interest on private land. No public access, but fishing in the moat is permitted by the landowner.
- Allotments in Haughley Green are all taken and recently the Council: replaced/upgraded/enhanced its shared facilities
- Bus service is limited. The Church set up a service to and from doctor's surgeries etc. Pump-primed by the Parish council, it is now funded by voluntary user donations.
- Co-op food store offers long opening hours and is staffed by a helpful and pleasant team of local part-timers.
- The Cricket in Haughley Green open space is well used and the venue for annual parish barbeque, but the play area could be improved.
- Gallowsfield Wood public wilderness space, managed by Parish Council and used by Wild Play, Montessori, Crawford's School and for other activities
- Eastern Frames: picture framing, photo printing and greeting cards
- Information and directional signs in the village need renewal and new ones erected, perhaps with some more "history boards"
- The Kings Arms pub is a popular food-led commercial venue, owned by Greene King and run by resident licensees. It includes a courtyard social and eating space, a beer garden and a patrons' car park.
- Holiday/Visitor accommodation: e.g. Haughley House and Red House Farm both are family-run commercial enterprises
- Listed buildings are numerous in the conservation area. Mainly privately-owned and in good order, but some need attention.
- Maxwell Charnley meeting room next to the post office and owned by church is well used, but needs refurbishment
- Old Counting House grade II listed building is an Indian restaurant which needs external wall repair. Its internal needs are unknown
- Outdoor seating is available in the village, but more would be welcome, especially by our less mobile parishioners.
- Palmers Bakery held its 150-year anniversary celebrations in the village 2018. Is well maintained commercial enterprise, which regularly supports local events

- Parish Church is grade II listed, has war graves and receives an annual parish council grant towards upkeep of the grounds. It is also home to the Parish Clock and War Memorial, both of which require refurbishment. Internment space is limited, but is monitored.
- Parish Magazine: digital and hard copies available. It features parish news, local events and displays advertisements for local businesses. Receives Parish Council grant from time to time.
- Post-office is well used and run by an excellent post-mistress who supports local activities. The obsolete CCTV offered little protection until replaced by a funding donation.
- Pre-school is a commercial business and meets daily in the Village Hall. There is no dedicated parking and traffic flow past the building is a serious issue
- Primary School is an old, landlocked building with little outside space and no safe road crossing point. Outdoor activities use the Playing Field and Gallowsfield Wood. Latest Ofsted report was "Good". There is currently sufficient capacity, by this is being kept under review as the village grows.
- Public footpaths, include four circular walks, maintained as and when reported. More paths and path upgrades are regularly requested.
 Some urgent pedestrian-related safety work in progress by developer.
- Ron Crascall Sports Pavilion/Playing Field has Charity in Trust status and a base for Scouts, Bowls and Football clubs. Receives an annual parish council grant towards upkeep and the badly needed community car park upgrade and secure storage facility have secured funding. Negotiations in progress with developer re a junior football pitch. Childrens' play area needs surface improvement; safety fencing; more dedicated special needs equipment.
- Royal British Legion manages war graves, the war memorial, RBL ceremonies and fund-raising events and meets in the Pavilion. The Friends of the War Memorial need funding assistance to enable urgently required memorial refurbishment. They have started fundraising, but have a long way to go
- Shoe mender/second-hand furniture shop. A family-run commercial enterprise: the family ran the general stores long before it became an Indian restaurant.
- Vetinerary Surgery commercial enterprise with small carpark. Until recently run by a local vet, now retired but who still supports environmental initiatives.
- Village Hall has Charity in Trust status, is a well-used facility in good financial shape, as well as Pre-school and clubs it hosts events.
 There is no dedicated parking and traffic flow past the building is a serious hazardous issue. Receives an annual parish council grant.
- Village Green is a public open space, which is used for public events, but the village has no central public carpark and careless parking is causing continued erosion of the Green, especially along the Folly.
- WI established 90+ years supports village events and promotes mental well-being, especially for isolated individuals. It opens up selected social and educational events to non-members as appropriate. Received a welcome parish council grant to help keep it afloat during lockdown

External infrastructure audit

Facilities accessed by parishioners in nearby towns include:

banks & legal services

These services and facilities are outside the PIIP area and are used by the community.

- cafes, restaurants & pubs
- cinemas, libraries, museums, theatres & live music venues
- dedicated youth facilities, e.g. "The Mix" in Stowmarket
- dentists' surgeries
- District Council advice centre
- drive-through food outlets, large stores/supermarkets, petrol stations
- doctors' surgeries, health care facilities and clinics e.g. for diabetes
- hospital facilities & services including emergency care
- secondary schools, further & higher education
- sports facilities e.g. gyms & tennis courts, swimming pool
- transport hubs: buses & railway
- public spaces e.g. large parks & outdoor play facilities

Community Infrastructure needs and/ or aspirations.

Statement: Community Needs and Desires (CND) projects were determined by parishioners during the Haughley Neighbourhood Plan consultation process.

They are listed under HNHP objectives 3 and 5. Brief project descriptions and notes are provided alongside.

Please note: Some CNDs are NOT for inclusion in this PIIP and the reasons for their exclusion are given.

Objective 3: Enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village:

- School improvements: building, recreational facilities. Consider, possible integration of the pre-school, including identification of a new suitable site. This dynamic issue is related to village growth and is kept under review by DC and CC in collaboration with PC
- 2. Playing Field and Pavilion: improve and expand sports, recreational and social facilities for all. This is a complicated and complex issue and as such is being addressed under several project ideas, not all of which are in the first Haughley PIIP
- 3. Cemetery Space: this is reviewed annually alongside changing burial habits. Action will be taken as appropriate if required and falls outside the first Haughley PIIP

Objective 5: Ensure traffic and transport issues are tackled including walking and cycling

- 4. Traffic calming near school: explore options and act as permitted/agreed. This key issue is being addressed as a collaborative venture and falls outside the first Haughley PIIP
- 5. Fishponds Footpath: explore and then pursue ways to improve accessibility if feasible. Included in PIIP but as a long-term project requiring multiple agency and landowner co-operation
- 6. Haughley Green Footpath: explore and then pursue provision if feasible. Included in PIIP but as a long-term project requiring multiple agency and landowner co-operation

There are five Council supported projects in this first Haughley PIIP.

Project prioritisation and support

Nominated project leads and groups will complete PIIP applications and documents before project commencement. They will then enable projects and provide progress reports as required.

Help and guidance will be sought as required.

All projects will be closely monitored by the Parish Council and as work progresses more projects will be added, prioritised and initiated.

The Parish Clerk will support projects as appropriate and ensure that the necessary reports are submitted to the DC as required

1. Long term project

<u>Originated from HNHP (CNDs 5-7) and the 2021 engagement exercise:</u>
The footpath and verges projects as listed above. Suggested Lead: A nominated parish councillor with help and support of DC and CC

2. Medium term project

Originated from HNHP (CND 2) and the 2021 engagement exercise: Improve the childrens' play area on the Playing Field. Suggested Lead: A nominated parish councillor with help and support of a dedicated workgroup drawn from the community and with help and advice from the Playing Field Committee

3. Short term project

<u>Originated from the 2021 engagement exercise</u>: Increase seating throughout the parish. Initial thoughts are that durable seating like that seen at the Museum of EA Life should be seriously considered. Suggested Lead: A nominated parish councillor.

4. Short term project

<u>Originated from the 2021 engagement exercise</u>: A new idea to refurbish the Church Clock in time for the 2022 Queen's platinum jubilee. Initial thoughts are to engage the specialist company who already service the clock. This project will require engagement with the Church PCC. Suggested Lead: The parish council chairman.

5. Short term project

<u>Originated from the 2021 engagement exercise</u>: A new idea to refurbish and rededicate the Grade II listed Haughley War Memorial in time for the RBL's centenary celebrations in 2022. Suggested Lead: The established group "Friends of the War Memorial". To be successful the project will require engagement with the RBL and the support of the Church PCC.

Community engagement-

How the views of our community were sought and how they have helped to inform our current and future needs.

Statement: As well as work completed during development of the made HNHP, a PIIP engagement exercise was conducted with parishioners following a lengthy pre-consultation advertising campaign through the local parish magazine and reply card, our website and lots of strategically placed colourful posters.

All households were contacted and invited to votes for their preferences, make comments and suggest other ideas not yet put forward. Since the completion of the exercise a progress report has already been circulated to households via the Parish Magazine. More and on-going communication will follow.

The PIIP engagement exercise concluded May 31, 2021. A report was presented 22 June, 2021 to the PC by the PIIP Working Group: 110 responses were received. The report included the weighted and collated scores data, new parishioner project ideas and all parishioner comments. Councillors were also provided with the original CNDs report prepared by the Chair of the HNHP working group in 2018.

Unsurprisingly, top scoring parishioner preferences related to footpaths and traffic. Footpaths and work on grass verges are important, but their construction and any changes to them requires the help and participation of multiple landowners and agencies and this is not within the gift of Haughley Parish Council. However, mindful of the feedback we have received, footpath and grass verge projects will be included in the PIIP and we will do what we can within the limits of our authority. We will ensure their inclusion in the MSDC Active Travel Public Consultation and we will engage with local landowners where appropriate to try and secure their support.

Traffic problems remain a key issue, but the Parish Council does not have the authority to instigate suggested solutions for what are often contentious issues and no proffered solutions attract unanimous support. However, we are pressing ahead with more "speed" signs, participation in a police-led pilot programme, a safe crossing at the school and lobbying for speed reductions. NO suitable area for a central car park has been identified or offered up, but better public carparking facilities are being made available on Green Road

Please see the attached supporting documents

- Community Needs and Desires report by Chair of the HNHP Working Group, February 2018
- The project ideas list as shared with parishioners during the May 2021 consultation. Please note all but one of the respondees provided their contact details, which will be used to give them personal updates.
- 3. 2021 consultation documents
 - 3a News Article
 - 3b Poster
 - 3c Post card inviting parishioner responses
 - 3d Excel worksheet a. 110 responses received and logged
 - 3e Excel worksheet b. parishioners' additional ideas
 - 3f Excel worksheet c. parishioner's comments

OPTIONAL SECTION

Expected growth: location, size and timing of development sites. What impact would these have on your community needs?

Statement: regarding current developments in Haughley

Two District Council approved building developments are well underway in Haughley on land designated as suitable for development in the made HNHP and with a capacity in line with the Local Development Plan's housing requirements. When completed the additional homes will increase the size of Haughley parish by 163 dwellings. Resources and

	facilities will need to match the needs of an enlarged Haughley in a way which enhances but causes no detriment to the current environment.
Projected income from all sources including external grants, CIL and Section106 income.	 Examples of projects submitted to MSDC and supported: Community Car Park, Green Road Secure storage for the Pavilion following multiple break-ins Examples Section 106 income:] Crossing at Crawford's school, VAS/SID on Green Road, Junior football pitch on Bloor Homes Development
Investment priorities Infrastructure projects to be funded, in order of their priority	 Prioritised list: Footpaths etc are a priority, but realistically are long term projects and we need to initiate some visible projects, which are wanted by parishioners NOW, so hope to start soon the projects listed 2-5 below. Improve the childrens' play area on the Playing Field. Increase seating throughout the parish. Refurbish the Church Clock in time for the 2022 Queen's platinum jubilee. Refurbish and rededicate the Grade II listed Haughley War Memorial in time for the RBL's centenary celebrations in 2022.