



# Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill Parish Plan

## Parish Plan 2012-2017

### Draft Plan for Consultation

## Quarrington Hill Summary



As you will be aware Coxhoe Parish Council has been working with the communities in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill to develop our second Parish Plan. So far we have:

- Undertaken community engagement events in February and March 2011;
- Carried out a household survey in July 2011
- Published results and undertaken exhibitions in November and December 2011; and
- Worked with volunteers to develop action plans.

The Parish Council has now approved a **Draft Plan for Consultation** and commences a six week consultation period on the 30th June 2011. This document provides a brief summary of the proposals and policies for Quarrington Hill. A full copy of the Draft Plan, which sets out the reasons for the proposals, is available on the Coxhoe Parish Council Community website on [www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Parish Council is again providing an opportunity for you to get involved and comment on the Plan before the Parish Council gives consideration to its adoption in September this year. Inside this summary document is a response sheet for you to use to let us have your views. Additional copies can be downloaded from the website or can be sought from the Parish Clerk. Comments can also be made by e-mail or in writing to the Parish Clerk. Contact details are on the last page of this document. To help the process we have manned exhibitions in both villages and the Quarrington Hill Exhibition is as follows:

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 10.30am to 12.30pm Quarrington Hill Community Centre**

An unmanned exhibition will then be on display at the Active Life Centre, Coxhoe between 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Coxhoe Parish Council considers that the proposals in the Draft plan are practical and achievable in the current economic and social climate. Please read on to find out more about the draft proposals.**

## Sport, Leisure and Culture



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Work to secure the sustained future of the former Coxhoe Leisure Centre;
- Explore opportunities for youth engagement with the Area Action Partnership;
- Provide a new children's play area behind the Community Centre
- Undertake a feasibility study into providing changing facilities at the playing fields
- Improve allotments, seek Asset transfer from Durham County Council and create allotments co-op; and
- Adopt policies of supporting leisure centre; and providing changing facilities

## Community Facilities



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Seek asset transfer of Community centre to the Community Association;
- Develop and implement improvement plan to improve the Community Centre;
- Provide new activities for toddlers, children and young people in the Community Centre;
- Provide computer classes in the Community Centre;
- Adopt policy of retaining key community facilities and work to achieve a sustainable future for them.

## Young People



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Engage young people in a feasibility study to establish a youth council; and
- Adopt a policy of taking into account the view's of young people when making decisions

## Highways and Traffic



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Share household survey results with Highway Authority and Police with a view to improvements;
- Consider the feasibility of any solutions put forward by the Highway Authority
- Consider re-establishing Coxhoe Parish Council Highways Sub- Committee;
- Develop new car park at Crow Trees nature Reserve; and
- Adopt policy of lobbying for highway improvements and objecting to planning applications which would have an adverse impact on highway safety.

## Shopping



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Share Household survey shopping results with potential investors
- Adopt policies of promoting the village on the website and supporting planning proposals which would contribute to the vitality and viability of the village without having an adverse impact on the village

## Public Services



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Parish Council and local organisations to lobby the County Council to improve bus services through Quarrington Hill
- The Parish Council will consider the feasibility of a volunteer based grid bin service while seeking improved winter maintenance; and
- Adopt a policy of not providing additional bins until a more sustainable option can be developed

## Community Safety



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Share the results of the household survey with the Police in order that they can respond accordingly;
- Identify and resolve local street lighting issues where appropriate; and
- Adopt policies of working with the police to improve safety while objecting to planning proposals which may be prejudicial to community safety

## Health and Social Care



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Continue to lobby for a new surgery to serve the village (may only be achieved in Coxhoe);
- Adopt policies to object to planning proposals which may adversely affect the health and safety of people while continuing to lobby for a new doctor's surgery

## Housing



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Sharing the housing results with the County Council's Planning Team while working with them to develop supplementary planning guidance; and
- Adopting policies that supports the principle new housing development of an appropriate scale of the village as a 'fifth tier' settlement to ensure that the vitality and viability of the settlement is sustained while ensuring an appropriate mix of housing is achieved

## Employment



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Explore ways of improving access to training opportunities while promoting training on the website; and
- Adopt policies which support new industrial development in appropriate locations and which would lead to sustainable job opportunities without detriment to residents or the amenities of the area

## Communications



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Explore opportunities to engage with local media while lobbying the publishers of the Durham Advertiser to distribute in Quarrington Hill
- Replace and relocate the village noticeboard;
- Continue to promote and encourage the use of the community website while exploring the feasibility of merging the Old Quarrington Hill Village website;
- Relaunch a new Quarrington Hill Newsletter; and
- adopt a policy of continuing to explore ways of improving communication with the community

## Environment



### Draft Proposals and policies

- Forward result of the Household Survey to Durham County Council and the Police with a view to a street walkabout to seek a response;
- Commence a dog dirt bag service
- Develop and implement 'Keep Quarrington Hill Clean' public awareness campaign;
- Develop and implement a village soft landscaping scheme;
- Develop a prioritised untidy buildings and land register and pursue improvements with landowners through the County Council;
- Approach shopkeepers with a view to making a business case with the County Council for grant aided shop front improvements;
- Develop Supplementary Planning Guidance with Durham County Council to help improve development design and layout;
- Explore the feasibility of a Garden of Remembrance, located on available in Coxhoe;
- Provide feedback from the household survey to the County Council and the tip operator;
- Ensure good quality planting and maintenance of the floral displays; and
- Adopt policies that encourage the improvement of untidy land and buildings, support the development of supplementary planning guidance and encourage development which has a positive impact on the environment, help save environmental resources and reduce the dependence on the private car

## We want to hear your views!

If you want to find out more please download the full document from the website or visit the exhibition.

Comments should be sent to David Vasey, the Parish Clerk either at [clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk) or to David Vasey, Coxhoe Parish Clerk, Earby Cottage, Newsham, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 7QY. David can be contacted by phone on 07988 283287. The Parish Council will take all views into account before deciding whether or not to 'adopt' the plan.

The closing date for receipt of representations is 10th August 2012