

# Agenda Item 10

Development Management

12 January 2010

SB



## Talaton Parish Plan

### Summary

A Parish Plan has now been produced which updates the previous Talaton Village Plan produced in Summer 2003. This report recommends that the Parish Plan be formally endorsed by the District Council and referred to by Planning Officers and others when considering applications and work undertaken in the community by other departments of EDDC.

### Recommendation

- 1. That the Talaton Parish Plan be endorsed and used to inform decision making in the District and the production of the Local Development Framework**
- 2. That the Talaton Parish Plan Project Team be congratulated on their work**

### a) Reasons for Recommendation

To ensure that the views of the Talaton community are taken into account in decision making.

### b) Alternative Options

That the plan not be endorsed and there be no locally expressed aspirations considered as part of the planning process and other work undertaken by the District Council other than through normal consultation responses to individual planning applications.

### c) Risk Considerations

If the District Council does not endorse the Parish Plan, decisions will be taken at District Council level without the benefit of the extensive public consultation which has been undertaken. The local community will feel disenfranchised and are unlikely to want to work in partnership with the District Council on future initiatives.

### d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

None

### e) Date for Review of Decision

Not applicable although the Parish Plan may be updated in accordance with the Local Development Framework timetable.

- 
- The project team comprised Members of the parish council, youth and play groups and the church and village hall. A formal consultation exercise took place with all members of the village and the views expressed taken into account in formulating the new parish plan.
  - The key areas of concern and policies advocated are set out on pages 17 and 18 of the document attached to this report. In particular they advocate no extension of the village

boundary although they do not wish to close off the potential for affordable housing for local people. The plan also makes the point that recreation facilities are extremely important. In addition policies seek to underline the importance of local facilities such as the shop/post office, village hall, church and public house. The local environment and public spaces are also seen as important in ensuring the environmental qualities of the village are maintained.

3. Other areas of general improvement and new facilities needed such as the provision of allotments, maintenance of local footpaths, open spaces, roads and drainage are also seen as important. The plan advocates small scale local employment opportunities to provide sustainable employment needs for local people. The plan also supports EDDC corporate priorities such as recycling and advocates an extension of the kerb side collection scheme for the whole parish.
4. The plan advocates support for affordable housing and on house design matters considers that new properties should be in keeping, acceptable in terms of impact on neighbours and be of a cottage style where appropriate.
5. It is considered that the aspirations set out in the plan can be fully supported by the District Council. Consideration regarding the development boundary of the village will form part of the LDF process but there are no other significant matters which cut across the Council's corporate priorities. To that extent the Parish Plan is welcomed as a useful document setting out local aspirations and it is recommended that it be endorsed.

---

#### Legal Implications

There are no legal observations

#### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications

#### Background Papers

- The file containing the previous Talaton Village Plan produced in summer 2003
- The Talaton Parish Plan 2009

---

Stephen Belli

Development Management

Development Manager

Extension 2782