Annual Assembly 2015 Parish Plan Report

APPSG started work at the end of 2013 to review the Parish Plan. This comprised an assessment of which items in the Action Plans had been achieved either in full or part and those fully achieved have been removed from the Parish Plan Update and are reported below whilst those partially achieved have been retained in the Parish Plan Update. Retention is so the items can be completed or continue to be in view as they might be perpetual items.

As part of the Parish Plan review APPSG held a public consultation at the 2014 Parish Assembly. From the information obtained at that event APPSG has been able to identify more wishes from our community and where believed to be achievable these have been validated and added into the Parish Plan Update. This was completed by September 2014. At that time it was pointed out that information relating to housing needs and wishes within the Parish were some 8 years out of date. Atworth Parish Council asked Wiltshire Council to conduct a Housing Needs Survey and the publication of the Parish Plan Update was deferred so that the findings of the Wiltshire Council Housing Needs Survey for Atworth could be incorporated. The actual detail of housing needs can be read in the Housing Needs Survey report and the item for the Action Plan within the Parish Plan has been included.

The Parish Plan Update is now ready in a final draft form and simply needs to have a foreword from the Parish Council and can then be published.

Here's my list of bullet pointed items achieved since publication of the Parish Plan in 2010

Homes & Housing

- Update housing needs report
- Improved flood prevention in village through improved drain management by WC and appointing flood wardens

Environment

- Replace older stiles on footpaths around the village with kissing gates
- Provision of dog poo bins

Leisure Sport & Social Activities

- Availability of wider range of sport and keep fit/exercise activity – with thanks to respective providers
- Availability of increased number of events/social opportunity at Neston Park Farm Shop and White Hart – with thanks to respective owners

- Atworth Community event – encouraged Village Festival of July 2014 and hope this becomes an annual or bi-annual event
- Provision of additional seating at Rec.

Traffic Transport & Highways

- Reduce speeding by installing 'village gates' and road markings at either end of village on A365
- Support 'Speedwatch'
- Installation of zebra crossing
- Provision of new bus shelters at Clock Tower and opposite Shell Court
- Kerb in 'Market Place' to protect grassed area opposite school
- Arranged use of Atworth Business Park as overflow car-park for evening and weekend events
- Improved flood prevention through improved drainage and culverts at Gt Chalfield, A365 at Bear Garage, Purlpit