Pointon and Sempringham Parish Council Development Plan. August 2018 – May 2019

The civil parish known as Pointon and Sempringham lies in the South Kesteven district of the county of Lincolnshire. The parish includes the hamlet of Millthorpe and the fens of Pointon, Sempringham, Neslam, Aslackby and a part of the Hundred Fen at Gosberton Clough.

The population is approximately 507 in around 230 households with 433 persons on the Electoral Register.

The Parish Council consists of an employed Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and seven Councillors. Parish Councillors are elected to serve for a four year term of office. The current four year period will end in May 2019. The Parish Council aims to be representative of the community it serves and as such welcomes interest from all residents.

To date, 2018 has proved to be a period of change for the Parish Council, with the Parish Clerk and RFO leaving post in March and a new Clerk/RFO being appointed in June. In addition, and as a result of resignations of four Parish Councillors, new Councillors joined the team, bringing with them commitment and enthusiasm for the positions. The Parish Magazine (Parish Matters) was temporarily suspended in March as this was a role of the previous Clerk.

This Development Plan hopes to show actions that Parishioners and the Parish Council have identified as priorities for the coming months, leading up to elections in 2019.

The table shown below shows these priorities and actions leading towards an end outcome. The priorities shown do not form a definitive list of actions and can be added to and altered accordingly; actions are not in order of preference, size or priority. It is the Parish Councils intention that this Development Plan and the actions within are used as a guide only and very much as a live document. The Parish Council would hope that following elections in 2019, new Councillors will support the Plan and existing actions can be updated and new ones added moving forward. The Plan, below broadly includes larger, more long term developments and shorter timescale developments, and does not include regular maintenance requirements such as grass cutting and pavement/road repairs.

It is suggested that the Development plan can be a standing Agenda Item to ensure that regular updates are received and recorded.

The Plan will also be published and regularly updated on the Parish Council website.

Action	Councillor lead (name)	Update on Actions (with date)	Timescales (RAG rating)
Consultation with Parishioners regarding the use of land within Pointon as a Wild flower area with seating for quiet contemplation		August 2018 -	
Consultation with Parishioners regarding the feasibility/desire of a new multi-functional building on the Playing Field		August 2018 -	
Consultation with Parishioners regarding the play area for young people		August 2018 -	
Continue work undertaken on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Submit to SKDC	Cllr Christine Green	August 2018 -	
Refurbish and relocate the existing telephone box – consult		August 2018 – once the PC have in their possession, the relevant	

with parishioners regarding the possible future use and location		correspondence regarding the ownership of the telephone box (Parishioner currently holds these), we will identify possible locations and use of the facility. Suggestions made to date include, but are not limited to: small library/information point, home for the Defibrillator.	
 Place flower boxes at five locations around the Parish and encourage Parishioners to maintain these Hold a spring flower box competition for the Parish 	Cllr Wendy Moore Cllr Roy Greenwood	August 2018 – 4 flower tubs have now been placed and planted. 2 of these are being maintained by a parishioner. It is hoped that more parishioners will volunteer to maintain tubs in the future. Awaiting confirmation of placement of the remaining tub at Millthorpe.	All Tubs positioned and planted by end September 2018. Planning and preparation for Spring competition to commence January 2019.
Reinstate Parish Matters magazine and encourage local business to advertise therein	Cllr Wendy Moore	August 2018 - Parish Matters magazine produced and distributed to households. New email account has been set up to receive and respond directly to enquiries for PM.	Parish Matters will be distributed in even numbered months throughout the year commenced August 2018
	Cllr Roy Greenwood	August 2018 -	

Work in partnership with parish groups to hold an annual Fireworks display	Cllr W Moore Cllr Austin Scarfe Others?		
Investigate possible long term solutions for Parking on High Street		August 2018 -	
Hold an annual Parish Tea	Cllr Wendy Moore	August 2018 - Parish Annual Tea to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 27 th August, providing tea and cakes. Review to be carried out following the Tea to suggest recommendations for future events	Annual Tea will take place on Monday 27 th August 2018. A review will take place and will inform future events
Create a nominated Councillor to liaise and communicate with residents from Millthorpe	Cllr Austin Scarfe	August 2018 - Cllr Scarfe has made contact with residents and is discussing issues including, but not limited to, Notice Board, Speeding issues, location of flower tub.	Cllr Scarfe has volunteered to act as the nominated Cllr for Millthorpe. Regular updates will be given at meetings

Identify a nominated Councillor to act as Police and Neighbourhood liaison	Cllr Jayne Keeley	August 2018 -	Cllr Keeley has volunteered to act as the nominated representative for the Police and Neighbourhood Team. Regular feedback will be given following meetings
Research the implications and responsibilities of using Social Media		August 2018 – discussions have been held regarding the development of a Social Media Policy and use of platforms to share information with Parishioners	