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Item	Details - Aims and objectives arising from community engagement	Target date	Link to budget code	Update (October 2018)
Westhill Play Area	Following installation of play equipment for teenagers in early 2016 it was suggested that the remainder of the Earmarked Reserve for Westhill Play equipment should be spent during the year to further improve the area. Youth Connect will undertake a Youth Consultation in October which it is hoped will inform the project. Grant funding to be sought too if necessary. IN PROGRESS	September 2018	EMR 321 - £7,746 remaining at 1 st April 2018	
Neighbourhood Plan	Reg 16 consultation due to be started by BANES I March 2018, with a referendum possibly June 2018. No further expenditure foreseen. Community Aspirations from the Neighbourhood Plan to be added to this Action Plan.		4206/202 and EMR 323	
Festive Lights	12 additional columns were added in 2016 bringing the total to 24. In February 2017 E&D requested a further extension of the festive lights. The order was placed with B&NES to go ahead with modification of up to 12 columns. Suitable columns have been identified and B&NES is waiting for additional work by Western Power before the festive lights modification can be installed. IN PROGRESS	November 2018	Capital project for columns and 4223/202 for festive lights	

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Flowers in Westfield	<p>The 2017 contractor has been awarded the contract for 2018 and work has already started. There is a last set of work to be completed to enhance the watering system at Jubilee Green – quote accepted from Lazy Days.</p> <p>A resident requested the opportunity to improve a small area of land at Birch Road. After a long process to ascertain the ownership of this land it has now been agreed that the area can be cultivated to allow planting.</p>	ongoing	4230/202	
New allotments site	<p>A new allotments site was proposed at Linden Close. A consultation with local residents showed them to be supportive of the idea, but unfortunately the landowner did not respond to a request to purchase the land.</p> <p>Second possibility was allotments at Larch Court. Residents were consulted and feedback was mostly positive. Still in discussion with the landowner, Persimmon Homes to maintain the area and/or sell it to the Parish Council for allotments.</p> <p>IN PROGRESS</p>	ongoing	s106 money	
Shakespeare Road play area	<p>To work with BANES to rejuvenate this play area. To include liaison with local children and residents adjacent to the site.</p> <p>Section 106 funds have now been identified and the project is pushing ahead lead by Jane Robson of B&NES in liaison with WPC.</p> <p>ON GOING</p>	n/a	s.106	

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Defibrillators	<p>In line with advice from the Community Heartbeat Trust, E&D agreed that three further defibrillators should be installed in Westfield. Funding options are currently being investigated. Three locations across the Parish have been contacted for permission to host a defibrillator. Only two responded.</p> <p>A defibrillator has been installed at Mardons Club and the defibrillator for the Fire Station has arrived (yet to be installed). A review of where the third defibrillator should go to be undertaken by the Clerk and put to E&D.</p> <p>ONGOING</p>	December 2017	Capital project	
Lights along the Pit Path	<p>Concern had been expressed by local residents about the lack of lighting along the newly tarmacked part of the Pit Path. B&NES have been approached for s106 funding to move the lights from the bottom path up to the top. B&NES has costed the work at approximately £28k. It is hoped that this will be paid for by PC 15% CIL Funds but these have not all been received yet.</p> <p>ONGOING</p>	ongoing	S106 and B&NES funding	
Christmas Lights switch-on event	<p>Gazebos have been ordered from Archers for next year's event as well as event barriers for the road.</p>	ongoing	4223/202	
Grit bins	<p>It has been noted that there is only one grit bin in Westfield. Councillors are sending suggested locations for additional bins and this will be passed to B&NES for consideration. Suggested locations were forwarded to B&NES. No response yet.</p> <p>ON GOING</p>	September 2017	n/a	

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Community Centre	<p>Feasibility study for a Community Centre currently underway, with a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 2017. This project came to a stop due to lack of external funding sources. However, consideration of Changing Rooms to go to E&D.</p> <p>ON GOING</p>		s.106 and grant funding. Community Centre EMR 331 will be added to with surplus funds from 20-17-18 budget.	
Nature trail to link to the proposed park in Westfield	<p>This suggestion was raised at the Neighbourhood Plan consultations. S106 funds have been identified for this project to be taken forward with Paul Pearce (B&NES)</p> <p>ON GOING</p>	ongoing		
Grass Cutting	<p>Although B&NES does not want to devolve the service there have now been two positive meetings with Parks in which it has been confirmed that key grass areas in the centre of the Parish will be cut fortnightly.</p> <p>COMPLETE AND ON GOING</p>	2018	n/a	
Telephone Box	<p>Suggestion to clear the litter and board it up to prevent future litter gathering. Quote of £75. Cllr Hopkins pursuing an outcome.</p>			
Link up of Westfields of the World	<p>Suggested by Westfield Massachusetts. Liaison with Somer FM for some kind of a link at New Year.</p>	New Year 2019	n/a	
Westfield Inspirational Citizen Award	<p>Suggestion from E&D to recognise unsung heroes of the Parish. Applications invited throughout January – March. Winner to be announced at the APM.</p>	April 2018 and ongoing.		

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<p>NP Community Aspiration 1</p>	<p>Community Aspiration 1 Improving access to Green Spaces</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create signed nature and wildlife trails, including some accessible to wheelchair/pushchair users. 2. Improve access to the countryside including safe walking and cycling routes in the Parish and their accessibility by people of all ages to encourage healthier lifestyles. 3. Map and, wherever possible, link our local Green Spaces to those of neighbouring parishes and towns, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a Westfield Park in the form of a nature trail, linked to the proposed town park in Midsomer Norton to allow access to both and (ii) management of the weir on the border with Radstock. 			
<p>NP Community Aspiration 2</p>	<p>Community Aspiration 2 Elm Trees Elm trees, where appropriate, should feature in the planting schemes of all new developments.</p>			

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<p>NP Community Aspiration 3</p>	<p>Community Aspiration 3: Street Lighting</p> <p>Our Neighbourhood Plan supports the provision of energy efficient street lighting in residential areas. Decisions on street lighting should be taken in consultation with local residents and should consider the impact on residents and wildlife. When considering the impact on residents, issues of security in communal areas such as outside the local shops and clubs and along major roads so pedestrians can walk safely should be taken into account and light levels increased appropriately.</p>			
<p>NP Community Aspiration 4</p>	<p>Community Aspiration 4 Through Traffic</p> <p>Through Traffic - Design and highways proposals that mitigate the impact of through traffic within Westfield will be supported. These proposals may include traffic management measures to minimise the impact of through traffic on residential streets.</p>			

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NP Community Aspiration 5	<p>Community Aspiration 5 Residential Traffic</p> <p>Residential roads - Proposals to protect and mitigate against the impact of traffic within residential areas will be supported. Such proposals may include:</p> <p>a) Traffic calming b) Making some areas “Access Only”.</p>			
NP Community Aspiration 6	<p>Community Aspiration 6 Footpaths</p> <p>Our Neighbourhood Plan supports the provision of safe walking paths to community assets such as allotments, schools and halls.</p>			

Review History	To be reviewed twice a year
Agreed by Finance and Personnel	20/5/2015
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