

Capital project / Corporate Priority	Cabinet Member	Project Description
Walmer Bridge improvement scheme	Cllr Phil Smith	A scheme to improve the appearance of the village centre is being consulted on, with works scheduled for spring / summer 2016. Construction of a new footpath across Dob Lane playing fields is scheduled for Winter 2015.
Feasibility of overflow car park at Hutton Village Hall	Cllr Phil Smith	Designs have been drafted for an overspill car park on the recreation ground, extending the village hall car park by a further 18 spaces. Discussions are underway with the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee, with funding being sought.
Operational Projects	Responsible Member	Project Description
MERE (Marshlands Employment, Regeneration & Enterprise) Project	Cllr Phil Smith	External funding has been secured to deliver the MERE project across the Western Parishes, which aims to generate new employment and tourism opportunities for the coastal area. Orvia have been commissioned as a lead partner in supporting businesses. The project will run until October 2016
Improve access to footpaths across the area	Cllr Colin Coulton	5 defined walking routes have been identified for each village, with volunteers currently checking routes and identifying any blockages / issues. Maps will be produced and signage improved in line with their observations.
'Love Where You Live' village pride campaign	Cllr Colin Coulton	Wildflower areas have been well received, with more planned for 2016. Posters designed by children from Little Owl Art Studio will be used to encourage responsible behaviour around littering / dog fouling.
Longton Village Market	Cllr Colin Clark	The market is being expanded, with new stalls each month. Opening times have been set at 9am - 1pm, with flyers, posters and banners produced to support publicity. Further growth and sustainability of the market is linked to the MERE project above. The project will run through 2016.
Support development of a business plan for a new Village Hall in Much Hoole	Cllr David Suthers	Material improvements have been made to the existing hall to encourage greater use. Planning permission has been sought and approved for the new hall, with a range of community events planned to raise awareness and funding.
New Longton Community Facilities	Cllr Colin Coulton	Incorporating a scheme to improve the corner of the recreation ground adjacent to the village hall, patching works to the car park and a feasibility study into creating a sports hub.
Improve visibility of Dale Avenue Pond	Cllr Colin Coulton	Improve the appearance of the historic cooling pond for Longton Brewery. Consultation with local residents is underway and enquiries as to land ownership are being made to determine feasibility.
Longton Live 2016	Cllr John Rainsbury	Dates confirmed as Friday 8 & Saturday 9 July 2016. Preparation on our annual music & arts festival will begin in February, based on the success of previous years.
Reserve Projects	Responsible Member	Project Description
Combat social isolation & loneliness	Cllr Colin Coulton	Scoping to be completed - project idea to promote activities, tackle loneliness and support South Ribble's dementia-friendly borough campaign.



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This plan has been created in consultation with residents, public services and community groups.

A big part of bringing projects together is the input and involvement of the local community. The projects contained in this plan were highlighted by people who want to make the areas in which they live better.

The council is committed to delivering this plan. The Western Parishes Neighbourhood Forum is made up of councillors who represent the area, and is led by an annually elected Chair. They are supported by your local Community Involvement Officer, who works with communities and groups in your area to make things happen.

Every My Neighbourhood forum has a 'core fund' provided by the council - each year, the Western Parishes area receives £3500 to spend on local initiatives.

For bigger projects, where there are links to Council's Corporate Plan, capital funds, such as Section 106 funding from developments may be available.

This plan is a living document which changes regularly - we are always looking for new project ideas. If you have any comments or queries, please do get in touch.

Neighbourhood Forums - public meetings to show progress on our projects - are held several times a year in community venues. Come along and meet your local councillors, and find out what's going on in your area.

More information about the forum, including when and where it meets, and its projects is available at: www.southribble.gov.uk/myneighbourhood

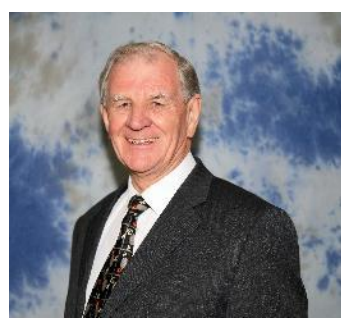
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