Creation of a new plan for the Beaumont Parish Community in 2020

Our old Parish Plan ran from 2013-2018 and so the time has come to renew it.

**What is a Parish Plan?**

A Parish Plan is a community-led plan with the following purposes:

* To set out a vision of what is important to the community.
* To find out how to safeguard valued local features for the future.
* To identify key facilities and services.
* To set out any problems that need to be tackled.
* To demonstrate how distinctive character and features within the parish can be preserved.

**Why do we need a plan?**

A Parish Plan helps us, as a community, to shape the future of our Parish and to influence both City and County Council decisions in relation to its development.

It can also be used to influence a wide range of organisations that provide services and funding to rural communities.

**How does the Plan come into being?**

The Parish Council has set up a three-stage consultation process to ask parishioners what they would like to see in our community in the future.

1. A public consultation meeting was held at the Parish Hall.
2. A display stand was put into the Parish Hall, St Mary’s Church and Monkhill Chapel to obtain responses from as many people as possible.
3. All the views expressed were collated and have led to the development of this questionnaire which is the final stage of the consultation and is being circulated to all households and organisations in the parish.

The Parish of Beaumont covers an area defined by Bunkers Hill, Moorhouse Road, Hosket Hill, New Sandsfield, Holmes Mill, and Knockupworth and includes the villages of Beaumont, Grinsdale, Hosket Hill, Monkhill and Kirkandrews on Eden. If you live or work in these areas **please take this opportunity to have your say in the future of the parish by completing the questionnaire**. You will be making sure that your opinions will be known and that the Parish Council will be able to continue the development of the Parish Plan knowing that they have understood your views and have a mandate to continue.

**We would like to have as wide a range of views as possible and so although we are only delivering one copy to each household, extra copies for other family members can be obtained from the Chapel, the Drovers Rest or from any of your parish councillors, and completed questionnaires can be returned to the same places.**

**There is also an electronic questionnaire on the parish website if you prefer. Follow the link for the Parish Plan Questionnaire on** [**www.beaumont-pc.org.uk**](http://www.beaumont-pc.org.uk)

**Please continue overleaf or on a separate sheet of paper if you would like to make your answers longer or have any other comments that you would like to make.**

**Each completed questionnaire will be eligible for entry into a prize draw for a £25 voucher to be spent on food or drink at the Drovers Rest**

**Any information collected in the questionnaire will be used only to assist in designing our Parish Plan and its source will not be disclosed to any third party.**

**What will happen when the questionnaire is returned?**

The answers and comments from each question will be analysed and used to produce a draft of the new Parish Plan with a summary of the feedback.

This draft will be available to view and for you to comment on at a Parish Meeting to be notified in the Parish Magazine. It will then be revised as necessary and agreed.

A new Action Plan will be created to instruct and inform the Parish Council and other community groups as to the actions needed to further the items in the Parish Plan.

The Plan and Action Plan will be shared with the City and County Councils, and any organisation identified in the delivery of the action plan, for their comment prior to publication.

**If you would prefer to complete this document online then please**

**visit the parish website** [**www.beaumont-pc.org.uk**](http://www.beaumont-pc.org.uk) **and follow the link:**

**In order to help us analyse the responses, we would be grateful if one person per household could complete this section. Please highlight the gender and ages of all people in your household.**

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| *Age group* | 0-3 | 4-11 | 12-18 | 19-25 | 26-35 | 36-45 | 46-55 | 56-65 | 65+ |
| *Male* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Female* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **What do you like best about living in Beaumont Parish?**
2. **Is there anything that you dislike about the Parish?**

**Social, Culture, Religion and Heritage**

We have 4 Community Buildings within the Parish:

* The Methodist Chapel at Monkhill, with kitchen, toilet and small meeting room
* Grinsdale Village Hall, with kitchen, toilet and bar facilities, limited car parking
* Beaumont Parish Hall with kitchen, toilets, play area, wildlife garden and car parking.
* St Mary’s Church, Beaumont Grade 2\* on World Heritage Site, no toilet or kitchen

1. **Do you use any of the community buildings in the Parish?**
2. **How would you like to see them used?**
3. **Do you think they could be better integrated into community life, and if so how?**
4. **Do we need more places/routes to walk within the parish?**

**7. Do you consider it important that the network of footpaths and public areas be well** **maintained?**

**Should this be funded through the Parish Precept (local element of Council Tax)?**

Yes/ No

**8. Do you regularly support/attend any of the social opportunities that are advertised in the monthly Parish News and on the Parish Council website?**

many  some none

**If not, why not?**

**Can you suggest additional events/activity groups which you would support?**

**Housing and built environment**

**9. What, if any, development would you like to see in the Parish?**

**10. Are you aware of the new regulations regarding septic tanks and how this may affect your property?**

**Services**

**11. Do you use the local bus services?**

**12. Are you happy with the refuse and re-cycling services provided by Carlisle City Council?**

**13. What services or facilities for young people would you or your family like to have in the parish?**

**14. What services do you feel are lacking in the parish?**

**15. Do you or your family use the play area at the Parish Hall? If so how could it be improved?**

**Environment**

**16. What current environmental issues in the parish are you concerned about? eg  size of hedges, verges, flooding etc?**

**Do you think Beaumont parish could be more environmentally friendly?**

Yes No

**If yes, how do you think that the parish could become more environmentally friendly?**

**17. Are you aware of river erosion? Yes Yes No No**

**18. What, if any, environmental projects or improvements would you like to see in the Parish in the future? eg renewable energy sources**

**Tourism**

**19. What do you think about the level of tourism in the parish?**

                -would like more

                -enjoy current level

                -feel overrun

                -no strong feeling

**20. Are there any tourism projects that you feel should be encouraged/discouraged?**

**Roads**

**21. Do you feel our road system is adequate for the traffic using it?( Yes/No)**

**If not, why not?**

**22. Some parishioners have expressed concern about road safety and maintenance in the parish. Are there any areas that you feel need special consideration?**

**23. How could we promote sustainable/low carbon transport?**

**24. Given how stretched the police force are, how safe do you feel in the parish?**

**What would make you feel safer?**

**Economy**

**25. Is there anything in or about the parish that holds you back economically?**

**26. How can we assist parishioners with business start-ups or self-employment?**

**27. Some parishioners have expressed an interest in having a local cafe/farm shop or craft workshops. Do you agree?**

**If you do, have you any ideas about how we could make it happen?**

**Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.**

**Completed forms can be returned to St Mary’s, the Chapel, the Parish Hall, the Drovers Rest or to any of your parish councillors :**

**Or by email to:** [beaumontparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:beaumontparishcouncil@gmail.com)

If you wish to be entered into the prize draw then please provide a name & address or an email address below. This page of the completed questionnaire will then be entered into the draw at the Parish Council meeting on14th December.