Oake Parish Plan – A community lead Plan

The Parish council are looking for members of the public from the parish to get involved with the research and development of our parish plan.

The purpose of the plan is to ensure the place we live in will develop in a positive way ensuring all would like to continue to live here. It will be a Community Plan and not a land use plan. It can be a set of policies and an action plan for the next few years covering a range of issues such as housing, the local economy and transport. The plan could create the budget that determines the principal of the plan.

So far we have collected views from the community from the Oake Village fete. *Do you have a view on what our Parish is like and what you would like to see in the future?* Please contact the Parish Council on oakepc@outlook.com **to be involved, or to simply state your views.**

Strengths • School • Pre-school • Village Hall & Play area • Toddler group • Shop • Businesses e.g. pubs, bed and breakfasts & others • The fete • The phone box library • 3 churches • Other organisations clubs and groups (please come forward and make yourselves known)	**Opportunities** • Parish plan • The Sunshine fund • Defibrillation equipment • Litter picking equipment & extra dog bins (playing field and entrance to village) • Please drive carefully signs • Safer crossing for children (in progress) • Increased road sweeping • Improving green spaces • Regular village litter picks • Links to Taunton Dean Council • Links to neighbouring parishes • The community to work together • Cycle route – use the old railway? Taunton/Wivey link • Add baby swings to pay area • New development of business and housing
Weaknesses • Untidy verges • Hillcommon pavements overgrown • Litter • Fly posters on poles • Dog mess-lack of ownership • Lack of Bus service to Taunton and Wiviliscombe	**Threats** • Speeding traffic • Hillcommon road signs overgrown • Footpaths overgrown, underused and not signed well (or at all) • Recycling days: rubbish on roads • Lack of fast broadband across the whole parish