

Rottingdean Parish Council Infrastructure Development Plan 2019-2021
(updated December 2020)

Chris Hayes – Parish Clerk

This report sets out Rottingdean Parish Council planned and potential projects for the period 2019 – 2021

The initiatives include both major and minor projects, some RPC led, others in conjunction with Brighton and Hove.

Major Projects

1. Rottingdean High Street - Air Quality improvement (Essential)

BHCC with support from RPC

BHCC Council Officers: David Parker, Sam Rouse, Len Holloway, Matthew Thompson

Parish Councillors: AQMA working group – Councillors Sue John, Graham Sheppard and Vicky Fenwick

Project summary

This project is intended to modify and monitor traffic flows in Rottingdean High Street to improve air quality. It is focused where road traffic emissions are closest to residential dwellings in the Canyon part of the High Street in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). The intention is to improve air quality and mitigate existing pollution levels and pressures of new development.

The project is within Rottingdean Parish Council boundaries, supported by BHCC and takes into account the findings of the Local Transport Plan, the Local Air Quality Strategy and the DEFRA reporting process – for delivery within AQMA.

Progress & current position

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was put in place in October 2019 for an intended period of 18 months. The experiment has been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and RPC are seeking a meeting of the joint BHCC and RPC liaison group for feedback and review.

Timing

18 months trial commenced in October 2019 originally due to conclude Spring 2021

Costs

RPC costs agreed in principle at Sept 2019 council meeting. RPC allocated £10,000 in the 2019/20 budget [and proposes to set aside £500 in 2020/21 towards potential future costs. Expenditure was not incurred and funds will be carried over to 21/22

2. Rottingdean Lower High Street (Important)

Project Board

Sue John – Chair

Parish Clerk - Project Manager

BHCC Councillors: Mary Mears, Joe Miller and Bridget Fishleigh.

Parish Councillors: Bernard Turnbull (Project Lead), Kerry Levins, Nadine Fox

David Parker – Head of Transport projects BHCC

Project summary

The project is intended to create an area of shared use for pedestrians in the Lower High Street, thus creating an open space between the White Horse and the Coach House and other retailers. This would increase accessibility & the popularity of the area, enhancing the use of the Terraces for the enjoyment of tourists and local people. Improved access is intended to include walking and cycling links. The area runs south of the A259 down to the undercliff path. It includes the roadway and the pavements, including the slope to the Terraces and the sea.

Progress & current position

Urban Movement have been commissioned to develop a Design Brief. The project overview is being finalised and subject to Project Board approval will be passed to Urban Movement early in 2021. The aim is for the design work to be completed in quarter 4 of 20/21 for which £12000 has been set aside. £70,000 has been allocated in 21/22 for phase 1 of the project with £750 for fund raising activities for phases 2 and 3.

Timing

Medium/long term. Design Brief to consultant by April 2021; intention to tender and construct phase 1 in 21/22

Costs

RPC have provisionally allocated £70,000 in 21/22 for the first stage build of shared space and construction of the quarter deck shared space and £12,000 is available to fund the Design Brief. RPC will work with BHCC to fund the remainder for subsequent phases through LTP5 and/or through any possible CIL levy monies or alternatively via other fundraising activity.

3. Park Road Toilets, Rottingdean (Essential)

Parish Councillors: Sue John, Kerry Levins,

Project summary

This project is to refurbish old, inaccessible public toilets in Park Road, Rottingdean, to make them accessible to wheelchair users and people with restricted mobility. This will improve health, well-being and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Progress & current position

Following a tendering exercise a contractor was commissioned in August 2020. Work has been delayed by social distancing restrictions and the need to remove a mains electrical connection. It is now expected to commence in September 2021.

Costs

A tender for £50,000 was accepted and a contractor appointed by BHCC.

Timing

Work to start and complete in 2021/22 Financial year.

4. Street lighting (Important)

Led by: BHCC and RPC

Parish Councillors: Graham Sheppard, Bernard Turnbull

Project summary

This project is to install new heritage lighting columns (with LED fittings) around the village green and pond in Rottingdean in partnership with BHCC ,as an improvement to the street scene in the Conservation Area.

Progress & current position

Phases 1 to 4 have been completed. Planned extension of the scheme phase 5 to include approx. 6 more lampposts north of conservation area and one at bottom of Nevill Road. BEAG to scope extension and bring to future Council meeting for agreement

Timing: To be completed during 21/22

Costs: RPC have allocated £13k in 2021/22 budget

5. Creation of Parish/Community Land Trust or other governance vehicle (Essential)

RPC & BHCC and the developers of the St Aubyn's site.
Councillors Sue John, Graham Sheppard & Mike Nixon.

Project Summary

This project is to create a vehicle to manage all future Parish Council land holdings, such as a Parish Community land trust. However, the management of land and buildings (i.e. Pavilion, & Chapel associated with the development of St Aubyns) will be transferred to the Parish Council in the future.

Other areas of land may also be transferred/devolved to the Parish Council in future and any vehicle that is set up should be able to absorb the management of any additional land and/or buildings.

Progress & current position

No work undertaken at present. Investigation of cost/benefits and risk analysis to be undertaken by the St Aubyns Working Group, including risk analysis .

Timing

The transfer of the land is not expected until 50% occupancy of the new dwellings, not likely until 2022. The aim is to complete analysis and approve potential future management arrangements and uses for the Chapel and Pavilion during 21/22

Costs

£1000 has been allocated in 21/22 for research

Minor Projects

Access and other minor improvements to the infrastructure & public realm of the village and its environment

1. Audit of ramps & benches

RPC & BHCC

Project Summary Review condition of metal ramp for access to terraces on seafront and review condition of surface on approach to disabled ramp, and seafront benches.

Progress & current position

Timing: Audit to take place by end of financial year and outcome reported to Parish Council meeting

Costs: To be determined

2. Improvement of village signage

RPC and BHCC

Project Summary (Better approach to the management of signs including improvements to direct tourists around, to include finger post, gateway and other signs i.e., 20 is plenty, Removal of redundant signage and replacement

Progress & current position. A number of signs have been repaired and '20 is Plenty' signs deployed. In addition, 7 new notice boards are to be put in place during 20/21 for which £7000 has been allocated. The project will continue during 21/22 including the placement of a finger post and renewal of Village Gateway signs.

Timing: To complete during 21/22

Costs: £3,000 allocated in 2021/22 budget

3. Repair High Street Pavements (Essential)

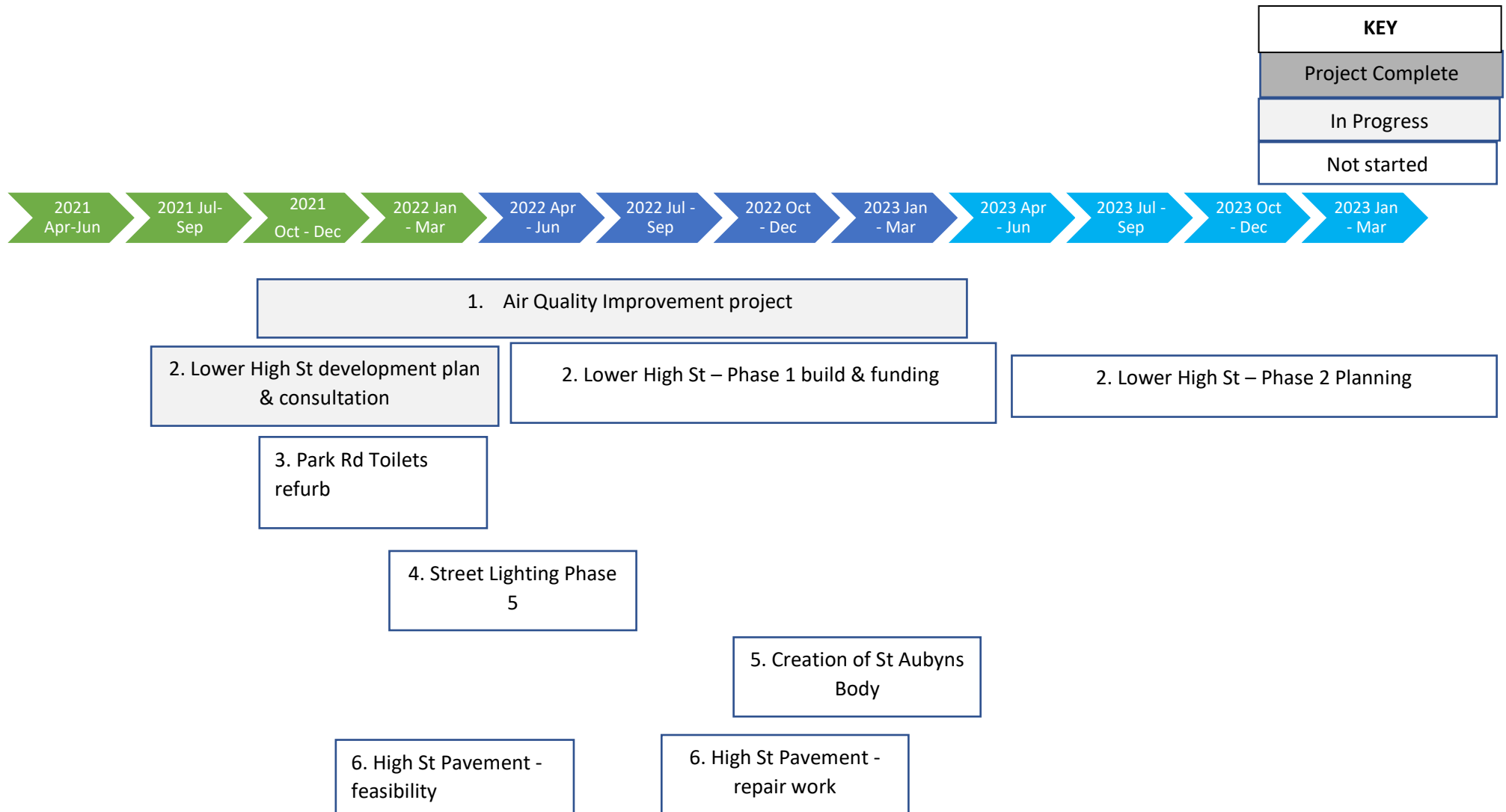
Project Summary. To investigate the feasibility of improving the safety of the bricked pavements around the High Street – following concerns expressed by residents in the Village Survey.

Progress: To be commenced

Timing: the aim is for the work to be completed within 21/22.

Costs: As yet unknown. £1000 has been allocated for a feasibility study in 20/21 and £5000 for repair replacement in 21/22. It is likely this will require a rolling programme.

Timeline Summary



Annex - Glossary and references

(E) Essential - Identifies infrastructure provision that is vital to meet strategic objectives OR to enable delivery of new development;

(I) Important - Items are necessary but alternative infrastructure capacity may be able to accommodate incremental impacts from new development;

(D) Desirable: Items to meet other strategic or community aspirations that may add to the quality, functionally or attractiveness of an area

