



Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP)

Palgrave Parish Council

Parish Population	905 (2011 Census)
Date of PIIP	Latest update 4 March 2025
Date of next Review	May 2026
Date Adopted / approved by Parish Council	17 October 2019

Existing infrastructure audit	
List of services and facilities within the local area, their condition, location, existing capacity and catchment area.	
Public / Passenger Transport	Bus Shelter on Lion Road opposite the Church, a wooden structure that was renovated Summer 2024, and a new timetable casing installed Feb 2025. May need regular woodworm treatment, gutter & leaf clearing.
Library	See under external audit
Education / Schools	See under external audit
Health	See under external audit
Open Spaces	Village Green and Pond, Churchyard, Cemetery, Lows Lane Footpath, Jobs Lane, Priory Wood and the Manorial Waste land on Lion Road opp. Church.
Community & Leisure Facilities	<p>Palgrave Community Centre and playing Field, off Upper Rose Lane. Various activities take place here, which includes a lounge and bar area, as follows: Line Dancing, Carpet Bowls, Cribbage, Drama Tots, Meditation Group, Friendship Club, School of Dance, various exercise classes, Table tennis, Ukelele, Photography and Cinema.</p> <p>The Community Centre refurbished their toilets in 2023. Grants for these sorts of improvements discussed at a meeting with Tony Bass Jan 2020 (BMSDC). He can signpost available grants and help in this direction. The Clerk continues to signpost the PDCC to new funding opportunities, updated late 2024 via the PDCC secretary.</p> <p>The Playing Field has a variety of children's play equipment installed circa. 2018 to the value of approx. £90K including a cable wire, climbing frame, swings, roundabout, slides and tower and a beautiful mural by a local artist.</p> <p>St Peter's Church is a Church of England facility on Lion Road and is a Grade One listed building. There are no other churches in Palgrave.</p>
Environment (waste infrastructure, flooding etc)	<p>7 Dog waste bins in assorted locations, all in good order.</p> <p>1 Litter Bin (not in use – in storage). Good condition.</p> <p>Ongoing flooding problems at Draycott Rise were addressed in 2022 by SCC.</p> <p>Lion Rd / Priory Road junction flooding is a constant issue.</p> <p>Goulds Close flooding is being investigate by BMSDC. Drains all cleared 2024 as a result of our complaint to BMSDC and Highways.</p>
Parish Cemetery	Modern cemetery on Millway Lane, capacity for approx. 20 years or more, Cemetery gates and gateposts of wooden construction refurbished May 21. Summer 2023 both restored to an acceptable level. Grass around gravestones cut separately to the main grass cutting contractor. More plots allocated and awaiting consecration in 2025.
Village Sign	Opposite the Church on Lion Road near the Bus Shelter. Erected 1985, renovated in 2015. Completely replaced in July 2023 by the original craftsman. Donations of £1K received towards this project. Plinth being restored Spring / Summer 2025 – work ordered and grant rec'd.
Parish Notice Board	Opposite the school off Forge Close, erected 2016 in conjunction with PDCC. Metal construction, in good condition. Needs regular cleaning and suffers from water ingress from overhanging trees.
Footway Lighting	16 units in total. 9 were still old MBFU lamps - upgraded to LEDs in 2024 and paid for from CIL monies. Should show significant savings year on year with future electricity bills.
Seats & Benches	6 seats / benches at various points in the village, 2 of metal construction, the remaining 4 of wooden construction. The Aphorpe memorial seat on the Manoria Waste - cleaned down early 2020, wood preservative applied 2023. Lembo memorial bench sited in the cemetery in 2020. An oak bench sited down Lows Lane footpath 2021, made by a local craftsman. This was cleaned and refurbished Autumn 23 by the same craftsman. The Victoria Barber bench on the Manorial Waste was refurbished by the family Summer 22. The metal bench (near pond) has 2 legs that have come away from the main frame Nov 22 but the bench is still sturdy and solid so no danger.

Churchyard	Ancient flint wall surrounds the church. Approx £4K spent in repairs in 2019. Needs ongoing assessment as small pieces of flint regularly fall out. New holes appeared in 2020/2021 which were attended to in April 21 & August 21. More holes dealt with by a local volunteer Autumn '23. The 2 Churchyard gates restored and made good Summer '23.
External infrastructure audit	
As above, identifying the services and facilities outside the PIIP area that are used by the community.	
Public / Passenger Transport	Bus routes run by Simonds to Bury St Edmunds and Diss, with school transport to Eye
Library	Mobile library calls once every 4 weeks on a Wednesday afternoon opposite the church. There is a library in Diss villagers can use.
Education / Schools	Primary School, places for 63 children. Oversubscribed with 85 children. The existing external play area is above a natural spring which means the whole playground gets muddy very quickly and is not ideal for the children. School Working Party set up 2023 to discuss how to improve the surface within the rules of The Green and a Conservation Area. Ongoing project 2025.
Health	No health facilities in Palgrave. Residents travel to Diss, Botesdale or Eye to access a GP surgery or Dentist.
Open Spaces	See under above list. The Cemetery is owned by the PC who also manage the closed Churchyard. The PC took on management of the Lows footpath from PROW in April '22. The PC purchased The Green in 2022 at a cost of approx. £9K overall, paid for mostly from CIL monies. Lots of ongoing maintenance costs associated with owning The Green. Bollard replacement work carried out Dec 2022 circa. £2K. More bollard work completed 2024 paid for from CIL monies. Tree canopy work being done early 2025 and lime tree skirts.
Street Furniture / Road Signs	Road name signs, speed signage, Village entry gates - one west and east side of Lion Road, with an additional entry sign on Denmark Hill. The current west entry sign is on the very boundary of the 21 house development on Lion Road could possibly be resited expensive to do which we will have to pay for. In 2020 the P.Council had extensive negotiations with Suffolk Highways culminating in 4 completed projects at a cost of approx. £20K to us: 1) Buffer zones of 40mph on the east and west village entrances / exits. 2) Weight restrictions on both Crossing Rd and Priory Rd. 3) Closing of the Access Road into a one-way only 4) Additional safety signage at the Lion Rd bends near St Johns. Another £20K was funded from our County Cllrs Highways budget. Note 3 projects completed in 2021, with the weight restrictions completed Mid 2022. 2023 – looking to install a kerb along the verge outside Malt House. In discussions with Highways, Also discussions to install 2 pedestrian signs for safety purposes. Kerb installed on Priory Road near Millway Lane in 2024 and Pedestrian signage installed 2024 at junction of Priory Road / Lion Road. Both paid for from CIL monies.
Phone Box	Phone box given a basic clean by BT in 2018, now operational. Repainted in 2019 by BT. Cleaned again in the Community Clean up Day in 2023. Will be de-commissioned by BT in 2025 and purchased for £1 by the PC.
Community Infrastructure needs and/ or aspirations	
This should be based upon the gaps and/or deficits identified in the preceding two rows. Once completed, please order ordering these needs according to your priorities.	We need to re-engage with the Community to further develop the PIIP. Proposed to do this in Spring 2025 to bring new deliverable projects.

Community engagement- please confirm how you have sought the views of your community and how they have helped to inform your current and future needs	We sought feedback on a regular monthly basis through the village magazine, delivered free to each household. This was additional to notices on the home page of the village website as well as more detailed information under the Parish Council page. Further feedback was collated at a very successful Saturday morning conversation café held in March and final feedback was obtained from the Annual Meeting of the Parish in April 2021. We will re-engage with the community via a coffee morning in March 2025. .
Optional	
Expected growth – location, size and timing of development sites. What impact would these have on your community needs?	A 5 house development completed in 2018 near the PDCC. 21 houses completed on the west side of Lion Road in 2020. 5 house development completed in 2021 at Gassocks Drive, off Priory Road. 9 house development completed on land to The East of Priory Road. Several fill-in type planning applications for an odd house here & there. All of the above essentially mean up to 100 additional cars in the area, based on 2 cars per household, impacting on local infrastructure, including the school, Highways, roads, and invariably means more speeding issues. No further development expected at this time.
Projected income – from all sources incl. external grants, CIL & Section106 income	Currently circa £25K CIL income unspent to Nov 22. Small grant of £2K received towards The Green Purchase June 22, additional small grant of £700 from Dist Cllr. Locality Budget to help cover some of the Green bollard project Oct 22.No further CIL money anticipated.

Recorded CIL income and expenditure (rounded up to nearest £1)

	Income	Expenditure	Overall balance c/forward
Y1 y/ending 31/3/2018	£13,730	£ 7,100	£ 6,630
Y2 y/ending 31/3/2019	£21,505	£ 2,300	£25,835
Y3 y/ending 31/3/2020	£ 7,168	£ 904	£32,100
Y4 y/ending 31/3/2021	£12,343	£22,809	£21,633
Y5 y/ending 31/3/2022	£16,553	£ 2,310	£35,876
Y6 y/ending 31/3/2023	£12,468	£ 8,633	£39,711
Y7 y/ending 31/3/2024	£ 4,955	£ 1,523	£43,143
Y8 y/ending 31/3/2025	£ nil	£19,211	£23,933

O/S LIST OF POSSIBLE LOW COST PROJECTS – UP TO £2000

Project	Priority	Estimate	Progress stage	Date
Visual improvement to Upper Rose lane entr. - bulbs, hedges tidied up	M	£250		
Maintenance of the Pond every 12 months x 2 years .. ongoing costs	H	£500	Requires annual maintenance £120 bill for Nov 2021. Oct '23 £75 to clear around pond and edges.	Nov 21 Oct 2023
Tourist Information Board	M	£2000	Work stalled on this due to Covid. Will restart this project 2024.	

Total of Low Cost projects £ 2750

O/S LIST OF POSSIBLE MEDIUM PRICED PROJECTS – £2100 to £7500

Project	Priority	Estimate	Progress stage	Date
New Picket Fence entry signs to the village at various entrances in Siberian Larch, painted white	H	£3000		

Total of Medium Cost projects £3000

O/S LIST OF HIGH PRICED PROJECTS – £7500+ High (H) Medium (M) Low (L)

Project	Priority	Actual	Progress stage	Date
Highways Projects: 20 mph speed limit on Priory Road from Lion Road to Millway Lane village	H	£?? Unknown. Could eat into all our remaining CIL money	Awaiting next report from Highways March 2025	

Total of High Cost projects- possibly £1000's, no indication as yet of the 20mph speed limit cost.

PROJECTS COMPLETED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PIIP 2019

Project	Priority	Cost	Progress stage	Date
Bird and bat boxes	M	£200	Completed	Feb 22
Renovation of the 2 water pumps	L	£151	Completed May	May 22
Refurbishment of bus shelter	M	£210	Completed 2024	August 2024
Replacement of Village Sign, Palgrave Man	H	£600	Palgrave Man remade July 23. Plinth O/S	July 2023
Replacement of missing wooden bollards on The Green	H	£2729	Completed	Dec 2022
Installation and cost of additional bollards for further protection of The Green & SMALL green triangle.	H	£6514	Completed	2024
Purchase & installation of Defibrillator outside the school	H	£2300	Completed Dec 2018. New packs and battery ordered Oct 23	Dec 2018
Upgrade all street lighting to LED 's	M	£4392	Completed	2024
Lows Footpath- dig out existing foot drain and create new bank. Ongoing maintenance	M H	£1400 £1420 £420	Completed spring '21 Ongoing - Refresh of ditch and built-up bank 2022. Volunteer WP redug ditch/ cleared Lows Footpath 2024	March 2021 2024
Lows Lane bench	M	£870	Completed June 2021. Refurbished by same craftsman Summer 23.	2021
Speed Indicator Devices – 3 x	H	£3392	Completed	early 2021
Kerb outside Malt House on Priory Rd. Pedestrian signage at Lion /Priory Rd junction	H	£6894	Completed	2024
Highways Projects: Buffer Zones on east & west / Enhanced signage at Lion Rd bends / Closing of the Access Road to one-way / Weight Restrictions - Crossing & Priory Rds	H	£19700	Completed	2022/23
Purchase of The Green	H	£7000	Completed	August 2022