1992:

- Tree planting and creation of a pond to the Seven Stars frontage, (seen by many as the central open space to the village), an initiative of a soon to be Stroud resident with the Pub's owner.

1993:

- Formation of Stroud Area Residents Association. (SARA)

1994:

- Formation of the Parish Council.

1996:

- Production of the Stroud handbook (issued to everyone in the Stroud area) by SARA.

1997-1999:

- Local history interviews, environmental survey, fieldwork and public consultation for Local Agenda 21 Action Plan, later utilised for emerging Village Design Statement.

2000:

- Stroud Village Design Statement (VDS) published with Stroud Biodiversity Report two years later.
- 'Stroud in Pictures' album.
- Millennium planting: Area of woodland, hedgerow and two dozen specimen trees planted by the community (a co-ordinated, grant aided community initiative).

2001-2009:

- New Village Hall Committee (first convened in 1991) was unsuccessful with a National Lottery bid for an ambitious new build project.
- Fundraising reaches a peak with 'Stroud Aid' – 'Tin Hut' music festivals alongside the old Hall.
- Reduced proposal obtained planning in 2007 but project 'parked' in 2008. Likely to be resumed in the future.
- Legacy includes village owned marquee and furniture that is available for events and rental.

2001-2002:

- Local Biodiversity Survey and Conservation Plan
- Local Biodiversity Report: Surveys, Recommendations and Conservation Targets

2005:

- Pavements improved and publication of footpaths handbook.

2007:

- 30mph speed limit and traffic calming measures on A272.

2009

- Improvements and drainage to Footpath 703 (half funded by Small Grant Scheme).

2010:

- Village Hall finally declared unfit for use and demolished.
- New village hall permission renewed (SNDP/32465/006 Aug 2010).

2010-2011:

- Reinvigoration of village events through SARA and commencement of Parish Plan consultation and survey process.
- Small grants from HCC, EHDC & SPC.
- Village website established.

2011:

- South Downs National Park Authority established (following official designation previous year).

2012:

- Parish Council establish a Parish Plan Subcommittee to assist completion of plan.
- Draft Parish Plan produced and circulated for final consultations.
- First phase recreation ground play area improvements approved for next year.

<u>2013-2025 (updated in 2025)</u>

2013:

- Parish Plan published.
- Recreation ground play area improvements undertaken including, land modelling, play tower with swings, slides and bark surface, commemorative seat and willow tunnel.
- Committee set up to look at new housing in the village, utilising parish plan housing needs survey and preference for sites. Early meetings with potential housing providers.
- Historical and nature walks, farm visits introduced by SARA.

2014:

- Introduction of sheep racing at Rothercombe Farm which becomes an iconic biennial event with the Revels until 2023.

2018:

- After several years of community engagement with the developer and SDNPA through the Parish Council and Village Hall committee, planning permission was granted for CALA homes development for 30 dwellings and new village hall at Stroudfields. Work starts on site towards the end of the year.

2019:

- SARA and Village Hall committees merged. Organisation put in place for future bookings programme and events at the Hall. Website updated to enable this.
- First residents move into Stroudfields.

2020:

- COVID strikes. Numerous initiatives among villagers to help the less able and uphold community contact.

2021:

- Final snagging and handover of Village Hall to trustees.

2022:

- HM Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee celebrated at village hall.

2025:

- Refurbishment of The Seven Stars.
- Following the Village Hall Trustees decision to pull out of the ground maintenance element of the Stroudfields Management Agreement (a considerable cost saving). The new Gardening Committee was formed. All maintenance around the Village Hall covering grass mowing, hedge cutting, bulb and tree planting, growing vegetables in raised beds, is now carried out by volunteers, all residents are encouraged to participate and there was an excellent turn out for a mass bulb planting activity. Through successful grant applications, the Hall now owns an electric mower and secure storage shed.

STROUD PARISH PLAN: ACTION PLAN

Needs and Outcomes Table deriving from Parish Plan consultations (all as identified in section 3 of this document)

NEEDS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	OUTCOMES *(Updated in 2025)*
Addressing community needs:				
Protect the village assets	1. Review Parish Plan regularly and at least annually prior to annual Parish meeting. 2. Explore potential community assets order (e.g. the Pub).	SPC and local community	2014 ongoing 2013	Review and update initiated 2025 to publish in 2026
Opportunities for new village Shop	1. Explore with HALC, Plunckett Foundation etc. 2. Explore with Residential Care Home. 3. Explore with potential developers.	SPC SPC SPC	2013 2013 ongoing	Worthy of re-exploration if this remains a community aspiration during review process 2025/26.
Keep the new village hall idea live	1. Keep Planning permission 'live.' 2. Explore potential for contributions from any potential developers.	SPC SPC	2013 ongoing	Successful outcome with completion and handover of new village hall delivered by CALA Homes as part of Stroudfields Development 2021
Upgrade the playground	1. Implement first phase proposal. 2. Involve the school and village children.	SPC/SARA SPC/SARA	Easter 2013 Easter 2013	Successful outcome with works completed 2013
Re-establish more community events	1. SARA annual summer and winter events. 2. Assist better interaction with Residential Care Home, school and workplaces (e.g. farms).	SARA SPC/SARA	2010 ongoing 2013/ongoing	Successful continuation of Revels with annual event alternating between Rothercombe and New Buildings Farms. Other events also organised by SVHARA on regular basis. Opportunity to improve engagement with Care Home, School, workplaces.
Improve communications	1. SARA newsletter. 2. Village website.	SARA SPC/Website provider	2010 ongoing January 2013	Newsletter discontinued but Parish Council and SVHARA websites and Parish Newsletter provide regular updates.
Explore need for car share / shuttle service - helping neighbours/neighbourhood watch	1. Obtain HCC Transport self-help kit. 2. Explore community transport strategy with neighbouring Parishes.	SPC SPC	2013 2013/2014	Worthy of re-exploration if this remains a community aspiration during review process 2025/26.
Explore the need for new housing	1. Undertake Housing Survey with focus on need for affordable housing. 2. Engage further with SDNPA, EHDC and community to fully understand needs and consider possibilities for some sensitive development.	SPC/Parish Plan Group SPC	2012 2013 ongoing	Successful outcome with completion of 30 dwellings including affordable and social housing provision at Stroudfields 2019-20.

NEEDS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	OUTCOMES *(Updated in 2025)*
Explore improvement of utilities	1. Explore possibility of Gas main. 2. Explore underground cabling of power lines. 3. Explore improved quality of Street lighting. 4. Explore improved broadband.	SPC SPC SPC SPC	2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing	Worthy of re-exploration if these remain a community aspiration during review process 2025/26.
Addressing the value of the environment:				
Update the Village Design Statement and capacity for new development led by a landscape assessment	1. Break out and develop V.D.S section from Parish Plan and seek SDNPA adoption as supplementary planning guidance.	SPC/SARA/SDNPA (+EHDC & HCC)	2013/2014	Unconvinced this would be worthwhile with Parish Plan in place. Parish Council to confer with SDNPA during Parish Plan review process 2025/26.
Develop opportunities to improve/extend footpaths/cycle paths	1. Engage with County Area Countryside Manager. 2. Langrish School HCC Bikeability scheme. 3. Assist farmers in educating footpath users.	SPC Langrish School SPC/SARA	2013 2013 2013 ongoing	Highly problematic to achieve due to complexities of land use as well as available space. Worthy of re-exploration if this remains a community aspiration during review process 2025/26.
Explore opportunities to improve biodiversity	1. Regular wildlife talks and walks to encourage. 2. Engage, encourage landowners in sympathetic land management. 3. Follow recommendations of Biodiversity. Report, protecting best asserts and reviewing planning applications with this in mind. 4. Wildlife section on website for people to add own observations.	SPC/SARA SPC/SARA SPC/SARA SPC/SARA	2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing	Stroud Local Biodiversity Survey and Conservation prepared in 2001, and Stroud Local Biodiversity Report prepared in 2002. These two reports provided detail about Stroud Biodiversity, and recommendations and a set of maps. Important habitats listed were: Furzefield Copse: This ancient woodland has been extensively felled following Ash Dieback disease and replanted. Seven Stars Meadow: This ancient unimproved meadow has been the subject of several unsuccessful planning applications and remains an important wildlife habitat.

				Other ancient meadows: One of the meadows is Stroudfields and village hall. Village Green: Remains undisturbed and regularly cut for hay and scrub and retains a rich fauna and flora. Linking network of ancient hedgerows and rows of trees: These are retained and managed by the two main farms and smaller landowners. As remnants of probably medieval land management these are key habitats across the parish. They have been substantially added to by recent hedgerow plantings on New Buildings Farm in particular. Boundary and internal stream network. Along with the hedgerows these are important biodiversity features. Many improvements have been made since the original surveys with 1. Replanting of Furzefield Copse, 2. Establishment of new hedgerows. 3. Planting of the Millenium Hedge 4. Oak trees planted along the A272 Winchester Road. 5. The main pond at New Buildings Farm has matured and surrounding vegetation grown up as scrub and young trees. 6. Establishment of wide arable field boundaries. Future Recommendations Include: 1. Rotational cutting of sections of otherwise annually trimmed hedges to maintain winter food sources and spring nesting locations.

				2. Removing non-native trees from Furzefield Copse. 3. Opening up the overgrown string of ponds. 4. Allowing grassland field corners to progress to tall grassland by restricting grazing and so encourage pollinating insects and foraging birds. 5. Removing scrub from Seven Stars pond to maintain open water.
Explore opportunities for community strategy for sustainable/renewable energy	1. Hold community event. 2. Formulate Baseline assessment and target (including eradication of any identified fuel poverty). 3. Provide Guidance to SPC to review applications. 4. Explore County initiatives and grant opportunities.			

Addressing the problems of the A272:				
Improve traffic calming measures and explore opportunities for improved footpaths and cycling linkages	1. Explore further traffic calming measures (inc A272/Ramsdean Road junction). 2. Explore cycle paths to Petersfield.	SPC/HCC SPC/HCC	2013 ongoing 2013 ongoing	Successful outcome with point 1 with several measures installed in intervening period following Parish Council initiatives.

Three specific items have been logged with the EHDC Community Forum for consideration in any future grant aid				
New village hall	To be defined.	EHDC/SPC		Successful
Improved playground	1. Scheme and funds approved from Section 106 agreements. 2. Final sum to committee Jan 2013.	EHDC/SPC EHDC/SPC	Easter 2013 Easter 2013	Successful
Improved cycling/footpath and road safety to A272	To be defined.	EHDC/SPC		Worthy of re-exploration if this remains a community aspiration during review process 2025/26.