

Pulborough Parish Council

Vision Statement

Pulborough Parish Council will work with our community, to enhance the environment, support local business and create a thriving Parish for all.

Strategic Objectives

The Council exists to help improve the quality of life and environment for residents of the Parish.

To achieve these aims, the Council needs a strategic plan to guide its priorities for action.

Attached is an overview of the Parish Council priorities for the current and immediate years ahead. These are reflected in more detail in the full Parish Priorities document.

These will be reviewed quarterly by the Council to ensure we remain focussed on the things that matter and we will provide updates as and when appropriate.

Objectives

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- **To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management.**
- **To raise environmental awareness to protect and enhance our greenspaces and local bio-diversities.**
- **To work in partnership to enhance safety and accessibility throughout the Parish.**
- **To promote wellbeing and leisure activities for all in our community.**

To be an advocate on behalf of the local people and businesses, representing their views

- We will communicate openly and transparently, consulting with residents and community groups improving understanding and needs.
- We will identify new opportunities for engaging across diverse groups and vulnerable members to better meet their needs, for example developing a youth Council
- We will create and maintain a database of community contacts. (in line with data protection)
- We will engage with businesses to better understand the support required, including working towards a 1 hour free parking requirement.
- We will provide a quarterly community update and Councillor surgeries with pre-planned agenda
- We will provide community interest themed events at Pulborough artisan markets
- We will improve the accessibility, relevance, ease of use and immediacy of our communication channels, including social media.
- Consider actions to develop Pulborough as a Business Improvement District (BID)

To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management.

- We will review working practise making best use of technology to reduce costs.
- We will develop our Budget book to ensure clarity and openness in financial planning
- We will understand our Parish councillors utilising skills utilising them to ensure most effective representation.
- We will invest in training for Councillors ensuring everyone has the relevant knowledge to make decisions in the best interests of community and environment.
- We will analyse our processes and utilise technology to enhance efficiency
- We will ensure timely publications of all documents
- We will conduct timely audits of both finances and procedural documents.
- We will ensure succession planning to reduce loss of skills and knowledge.

To raise environmental awareness to protect and enhance our greenspaces and local bio-diversities.

- Work in partnership to provide education on environmental needs, developing understanding of individual contributions and personal responsibilities. I.e Sussex wildlife trust
- Explore possibilities of sponsoring individual environmentalist contributions
- Promote and provide opportunities for the reduction of waste and increase of recycling.
- Ensure all our green spaces are enhanced for relevant public use; reviewing dog designated areas.
- Construct and encourage use of a conservation and management plan.
- Develop an operation plan for Pocket Park
- Ensuring the Community voice is heard in regard to 'river dumping waste' issues and related environmental issues.
- Complete a full register of our green open spaces and working with the landowners to improve our green corridors.

To work in partnership to enhance safety and accessibility throughout the Parish.

- Endorse neighbourhood watch and neighbourly actions
- Ensure the type and frequency of Parish Council events reflects a wide range of community interests
- Promote and support local voluntary groups
- Ensure that the Parish Council continues to provide diverse and inclusive leisure facilities
- Assess and improve disabled access and facilities in the Parish
- Work with Highways to review our roads, highways and cycleway networks ensuring they provide the safest and most appropriate accessibility in our villages.
- Ensure focus remains on creating a bund on recreation ground

To promote wellbeing and leisure activities for all in our community.

- Promote positive planning and influencing local development, e.g: delivering the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Identify an area to develop a community garden, with Men's Shed facilities.
- Ensure youth provision is at the centre of planning and development, identify a youth club provider.
- Work with organisers to better promote the excellent activities available across the Parish, develop a calendar of events on our website for a nominal fee.
- When using our facilities ensure activities are attractive to a wide range of demographics including consideration for mental health and disabilities.
- Look to co-ordinate an events working group, to build a strong community through bringing people together. Consider activities for National Celebration days i.e. Pride
- Co-ordinate and set up warm hubs for the most vulnerable in our community.
- Re-invigorate the need for a Community Fridge supporting those struggling and reducing food waste.

Top Priorities – tactical deliverables funds required

- Sports and social Pavilion £1,000,000
- Community Garden - £20,000
- Repair Café (Amberly) - negligible
- Multi use games area - £60,000. - £100,000. (4 to 5 months)
- Youth facilities £. ??
- Nature / Rewilding £10,000
- Cricket nets - £32,571. (Immediate)