

Great Notley Parish Council Strategy Statement

At the meeting held on 25th November 2019 the Parish Council agreed its strategy for the financial year 2020 – 2021 as follows

1. Recreational facilities

Strategy	Particular Action points
To continue to maintain the Levens Way Play area including maintenance of the grass, trees and vegetation	
To continue to maintain and upgrade the Recreational Area of Teenagers (RAFT) including maintenance of grass trees and vegetation	To conclude the current project to upgrade the RAFT and to consider the feasibility, funding and timescale for a possible phase 2 upgrade.

2. Open Spaces

Strategy	Particular action points
To continue to maintain certain Parish Council owned trees	To consider replacement of certain trees that have died
To Engage a volunteer Tree Warden who assists in the maintenance of Parish Council owned trees, assists the Parish Council in responding to Tree Preservation Order applications and instigates 'green' projects within the Parish	
To continue to support the longstanding principle of the provision of allotments within the Parish and to make contingency for that cost	To progress current discussions with Braintree District Council to acquire allotments for the Parish.
To continue to maintain the White Court Hospital Memorial and flags	

3. Services and assets for the Community

Strategy	Particular action points
With the aim of providing a clean and tidy environment the Parish Council will continue to employ a team of litter pickers to provide litter picking 7 days a week and who will also empty the Parish Council litter bins	To continue to review the efficiency of this service.
To acquire and maintain litter bins in the Parish	To carry out an annual inspection of the bins and consider if replacement bins are required or if there is a necessity for new bins in particular locations.

To acquire dog bins	To carry out an annual inspection of dog bins and consider if any Parish Council owned dog bins require repair or replacement. In addition, to consider if representations are required to Braintree District Council regarding the condition of the bins they own and frequency/effectiveness of the emptying of such bins
To participate in the Essex County Council salt bag scheme enabling the litter team to spread grit upon priority areas in the Parish during icy or snowy weather.	To continue to review priority areas.
To maintain the defibrillator located at the Church in Great Notley	
To maintain the Parish Council storage unit which includes space for community groups.	
To maintain the Parish Council owned streetlights	The Parish Council will undertake an annual inspection of all streetlights on an annual basis.
To provide and maintain seating within the Parish	To carry out an annual inspection of seating
To acquire and maintain the White Gates in the Parish	To consider whether to acquire new white gates for the White Court area of the Parish. To arrange for the existing gates at Panner's to be repainted.
To maintain the village sign	To consider further repair to the sign.

4. Administration

Strategy	Particular action points
To meet the administrative costs of the running of the Parish Council in the discharge of its legal statutory duties including the cost of employing the Clerk	To review whether additional administrative support is required and review how to instigate the same.

5. Community engagement and assistance

Strategy	Particular action points
With the aim of both engaging with the community and providing a community event the Parish Council will organise the annual Torchlight procession and carol service	

The Parish Council will organise the annual Remembrance Day event at the Hospital Memorial	
The Parish Council will provide sponsorship for the village fete	
The Parish Council will give consideration to financial support for other community events and will also assist local community groups financially with the provision of grants under its small grant scheme	

6. Communication with Residents

Strategy	Particular action points
<p>The Parish Council is committed to effectively communicating with residents and to do so will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and maintain noticeboards • Continue to produce the Great Notley Times Parish magazine on a quarterly basis • Maintain a Facebook group • Maintain a website 	<p>To consider whether both in view of progressing technology and also with reference to community need there are additional ways to effectively communicate with residents.</p>

7. Representations on behalf of residents

Strategy	Particular action points
<p>The Parish Council will continue to consider and make representations both in writing and by attending committee meetings in relation to planning applications, planning enforcement, planning consultations and other relevant consultations effecting the Parish.</p>	
<p>The Parish Council will continue to liaise with other public sector organisations to attempt to address issues raised by residents in relation to highways, streetlights, traffic and parking issues together with fly tipping, fly posting and maintenance of public rights of way</p>	<p>Whilst understanding that such matters are not within the control of the Parish Council to review how such matters may be more effectively raised with the third party organisations and communicated to residents.</p>
<p>The Parish Council will continue to work collaboratively with Braintree District Council in relation to green spaces, trees and vegetation in the Parish including ongoing tree strategy consultation</p>	<p>To consider best practise communication to enable such issues to be dealt with more effectively and communicated to residents</p>

8. Health and Wellbeing

Strategy	Particular Action points
The Parish Council will give consideration to the 'Health and Wellbeing' agenda for the benefit of all residents	To consider how existing strategy already fits into this agenda and any other actions or initiatives that may be taken.

9. Being a 'Green' Council

Strategy	Particular Action Points
Great Notley Parish Council is committed to having a low carbon footprint and to promoting 'green' issues to its community.	To review how the Parish Council is currently acting in a 'green' way and how it may improve in this regard To consider how the Parish Council may support initiatives from other public sector organisations in relation to this issue such as hosting events or issuing information to residents To consider supporting initiatives within the Parish that promote the issue.