

Strategy Statement Great Notley Parish Council for financial year 2022 – 2023

This strategy statements takes into account the issues highlighted by residents as a result of engagement by the Parish Council with the community and thus enables the Parish Council to prioritise the issues to be addressed and actions to be undertaken for financial year 2022 – 2023.

The actions to be undertaken will influence the setting of the budget for financial year 2022 – 2023.

The statement and actions will be reviewed in October 2023 alongside considering a strategy statement for the year 2023 – 2024.

1. Recreational facilities

| Strategy | Particular Action points |
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| 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 | As previously discussed to consider the feasibility, funding and timescale for a possible phase 2 upgrade. |

2. Open Spaces

| Strategy | Particular action points |
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| To continue to maintain certain Parish Council owned trees | To consider replacement of certain trees that have died |
| To continue to engage a volunteer Tree Warden to assist 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 consider such projects as the Community Orchard, P3 scheme and Slow Ways scheme |
| 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 negotiations 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 |
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| With the aim of providing a clean and tidy environment the Parish Council will | To continue to review the efficiency of this service. |

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| 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 consider the future of the Parish Council van and its replacement | To consider if a small electric vehicle would be more suited to the tasks of the team together with being more cost effective and meet the Council's green agenda |
| 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 |
| To provide and maintain seating within the Parish | To carry out an annual inspection of seating |
| To maintain the White Gates in the Parish | |
| To maintain the village sign | |
| To review the feasibility of what other services could be provided by the Parish council with reference to cost and resources | |

4. Administration

| Strategy | Particular action points |
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| 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 | |
| Depending on legislative change, to consider the viability of hybrid meetings and the costs and organisation associated with such a forum | To keep the situation under review in accordance with Government guidelines and resource availability. |

5. Community engagement and assistance

| Strategy | Particular action points |
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| To continue to maintain an events working group to collaboratively promote and organise events within the Parish. In particular it is intended to continue to organise a Christmas event and a Remembrance Day event. | |
| 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 |
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| The Parish Council is committed to effectively communicating with residents and to do so will <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide and maintain noticeboards• Continue to produce the Great Notley Times Parish magazine 3 times a year• Maintain a Facebook group• Maintain a website | To continue to review the efficacy of the magazine. |

7. Representations on behalf of residents

| Strategy | Particular action points |
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| 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, | |

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| planning consultations and other relevant consultations effecting the Parish. | |
| 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. The Parish Council will maintain communication with the Police | To engage with the Police within the community to enable relevant issues to be addressed more effectively |
| 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 | |
| The Parish Council will act as the voice of the community in making representations to other third party bodies where issues arise | |

8. Health and Wellbeing

| Strategy | Particular Action points |
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| The Parish Council will continue to consider 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. |
| The Parish Council will continue under the auspices of its health and wellbeing working group to meet with community groups and representatives from the GPs surgery | To increase the profile of the Parish Council and assist such groups including the GPs surgery to spread important information to residents |

9. Being a 'Green' Council

| Strategy | Particular Action Points |
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| Great Notley Parish Council is committed to having a low carbon footprint and to promoting 'green' issues to its community. | <p>To review how the Parish Council is currently acting in a 'green' way and how it may improve in this regard</p> <p>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</p> <p>To consider supporting initiatives within the Parish that promote the issue.</p> |

This strategy statement was approved at the meeting held on 14th October 2021