

Strategy Statement Great Notley Parish Council for financial year 2023 – 2024

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 2023 – 2024.

The actions to be undertaken will influence the setting of the budget for financial year 2023 – 2024.

The statement and actions will be reviewed in October 2023 alongside considering a strategy statement for the year 2024 – 2025.

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 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 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 seek to engage a new volunteer tree warden to enable the Parish Council to progress projects such as a Community Orchard
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
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	To continue to review the efficiency of this service.

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	To continue to empower residents to report issues
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
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
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.	To consider whether any events to be hosted regarding the Coronation of the King
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 3 times a year • Maintain a Facebook group • Maintain a website 	To continue to review the efficacy of the magazine and communication generally

7. Representations on behalf of residents

Strategy	Particular action points
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.	
The Parish Council will continue to liaise with other public sector organisations to attempt to address issues raised by	To engage with the Police within the community to enable relevant issues to be addressed more effectively

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	
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
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
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>