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# Gamlingay Parish Council Action Plan Introduction

Parish Councils are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent. They also have the power to raise money through taxation, the precept, which is the parish council's share of the council tax. Gamlingay Parish Council will publish its action plan annually in March for the forthcoming financial year drawn from matters identified within Parish Council meetings.

Gamlingay Parish Councillors have considered the aims of the council for the year ahead and produced a summarised Action Plan which details the key objectives it hopes to achieve during the year. This is a working document and subject to change



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#### **Action Plan 2022-2023**

# **Theme - Community facilities**

Objective - Review recreation provision. Research possible additions and improvements and available funding. Consider improvements required to community buildings.

Lobby healthcare/education providers to ensure adequate provision for residents. Support providers of voluntary community services such as community cafe, connect café and foodbank.



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- Pursue relocation of Bowls Club. Action by Bowls Club/S106 group/Clerks. By 2024.
- Lease/purchase old First School site for community use (GAM 7 and 8 Neighbourhood plan) Action by Clerks/County Council. By end April 2022.
- Update Butts playground Replace "skate" unit in playground and toddler climbing frame. Plan new formal play space for West side of village. Action by Clerks/playground working party/S106 group. By end of March 2023.
- Improve OMC Interior decorate. Action Clerks. By end August 2022.
- Lobby relevant authorities for improved local healthcare. Action by Council/Patient Participation Group/MP. Ongoing.
- Ensure adequate preschool provision to meet projected need County council responsibility. Action by Council/private providers. By 2024.
- Seek additional green space /formal play facilities/sports facilities to west of village. Action developers/S106 group. Ongoing.



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**Theme - Environment** 

**Objective -** To enhance/protect the environment



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- Support Climate Change Working Party objectives. Action by Council. Ongoing.
- Support Grow Gamlingay project. Action by Council/S106 group/E Leaf Grimshaw/external funders. By end 2022 mini forest planted in agreed location. New tree in Stocks Lane (Butts playground) planted (SCDC free tree offer).
- Produce map of areas suitable to receive new tree planting and research suitable varieties on PC land. Action by Clerks/Grow Gamlingay. By end 2022. Update wider tree strategy for parish tree planting Action by Wildlife Trust/landowners/neighbouring PC's by end 2023.
- Request tree planting whenever any are removed within village boundaries. Arrange tree inspections/works. Action Clerks/tree experts. Remove diseased Beech in St Marys and replace with appropriate tree planting – by end 2022.
   Other tree work – Ongoing.
- Wildflowers establish permanent wildflower verges where appropriate after trials and research additional areas suitable for reduced grass cutting/establishment of wildflower meadows. Action by Clerks/grass cutting contractors/volunteers/PCC (closed churchyards)/County Council/Friends of Millbridge Brook Meadows/climate change working party/landowners. Ongoing.



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• Ensure consideration of GAM 11 (wildlife corridors and protection of views and vistas) and GAM 12 (Gamlingay woods cordon).

## **Theme – Development**

**Objective** - Participate in relevant consultations Formulate strategies to ensure proposed development is suitable.

- Complete Neighbourhood Plan. Action NHP group. By 2022/23.
- Participate in all relevant consultations eg. Local Plans. Action Council/clerks. Ongoing.
- Promote new employment site Mill Hill (GAM 5 Neighbourhood Plan)
- Ensure new development is compliant with GAM 1 (new buildings) and GAM 3 (local character) and GAM 6
   Neighbourhood Plan



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• Consider potential new public/permissive footpaths. Action Council/S106 group/developers/County Rights of Way officer. Ongoing.

## Theme - Local economy

**Objective** – Promote and support the local economy.

- Continue to promote Solution Gamlingay. Action Clerk LB. Ongoing.
- Investigate options and funding opportunities to enhance access to local facilities parking, cycle paths/parking/changing facilities. Action local businesses/S106 group/clerks.
- Campaign to FastTrack community fibre rollout broadband and phone signal. Action Council/residents/Community Fibre Partnership. Ongoing.
- Support local employers (GAM 4 Neighbourhood Plan)



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## **Theme - Transport**

**Objective** – To improve and enhance all aspects of local transport and to encourage use of low carbon local travel alternatives within the parish.

- Consider projects for submission to County Minor Highways Improvements scheme 2022/23.
- Participate in relevant consultations. East West Rail. Ox Cam Arc and others. Action Clerks/Council. Ongoing.
- Consider/continue to allocate reserves towards Privately Funded Highways Initiative schemes. Formulate priority
  list and timescale for implementation of PFHI schemes. Action Council. List by end 2023. Funding build up- Ongoing.



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- Develop medium term plan for delivery of Gamlingay cycleway improvement plan and Neighbourhood Plan transportation policies GAM 9 and 10. Action Clerks/S106 group/Council/Potton TC/Gransden, Hatley and Waresley PC's. By end 2024.
- Consider any community transport schemes presented to Council. Support suitable local initiatives. Action Council/climate change working party. Ongoing.