

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

Action Plan 2023-2024

1. 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.

Project specifics 2023-2024

- New formal recreation space/sports facility. Action by local sports Clubs/S106 group/Clerks. Funded by S106 west Rd/Green End/Green End self build.
- Secure use of First School greens space for community use .Action by Clerks/County Council. By March 2024.
- Update Butts playground - Action by Clerks/playground working party/S106 group. Funding S106 West Rd and Green End. By March 2024.
- Improve OMC. Consider insulation/replacing roof tiles/windows/doors. Action Clerks. Funding S106 West Road and Green End/Green End self build.
- Seek additional green space /formal play facilities/sports facilities to west of village. Action developers/S106 group. Ongoing.

2. Theme - Environment

Objective - To enhance/protect the environment

Project specifics 2023-24

- Support Climate Change Working Party objectives. Action by Council. Ongoing.
- Support Grow Gamlingay project. Action by Council/S106 group/GG Group/external funders. By end 2022 – mini forest planted in agreed location.

- Produce map of areas suitable to receive new tree planting and research suitable varieties on PC land. Action by Clerks/Grow Gamlingay. By end 2023. 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 expert. Seek replacement for Beech tree removed at St Marys and Cherry trees on ex First School Field (Community Tithe/Chris Smith/County Council funding).
- 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.

3. Theme – Development

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

Project specifics 2023-24

- Participate in all relevant consultations eg. Local Plans. Action Council/clerks. Ongoing.
- Ensure new development is compliant with GAM 1 (new buildings) and GAM 3 (local character)
- Consider potential new public/permissive footpaths. Action Council/S106 group/developers/County Rights of Way officer. Ongoing.

4. Theme - Local economy

Objective – Promote and support the local economy.

Project specifics 2022-23

- Continue to promote Solution Gamlingay. Action Clerk LB. To September 2023
- Investigate options and funding opportunities to enhance access to local facilities – parking, cycle paths/parking/changing facilities. Action local businesses/S106 group/clerks.
- Support local employers (GAM 4 Neighbourhood Plan)

5. 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.

Project specifics 2023-24

- Consider projects for submission to Local Highways Initiative scheme 2023/24.
- Participate in relevant consultations. East West Rail. Ox Cam Arc and others. Action Clerks/Council. Ongoing.
- Develop medium term plan for delivery of Gamlingay cycleway improvement plan and Neighbourhood Plan transportation policies GAM 7 and 8. Action Clerks/S106 group/Council/Potton TC/Gransden, Hatley and Waresley PC's. By end 2024. Request funding from all development proposals from December 2022 as per NHP reference

Appendix 3 Developer Contributions (pg. 74 NHP) for improved/new non-motorised travel infrastructure within the parish.

- Consider any community transport schemes/EV schemes presented to Council. Support suitable local initiatives. Action Council/climate change working party/GCC Ltd. Ongoing.