



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.

Top 5 projects in priority order following outcome of consultation at village show in September 2024)

1. Cycling - Develop medium term plan for delivery of Gamlingay cycleway improvement plan and Neighbourhood Plan transportation policies GAM 7 and 8.
2. Liaise with County regarding development of SEN facility on old First School site. Lobby for continued access to green space for local groups.
3. Install new equipment at Butts playground - Action by Clerks/children's facilities working party/S106 group. Funding S106 West Rd. When development triggers the release of funds.
4. Install replacement for maze/willow dome on MBM. Action by Friends of MBM/children's facilities working party. Funding – external grants/2025-6 precept.
5. Consider locations and funding opportunities for additional community defibrillators.



Action Plan 2025-2026

1. Theme - Community facilities

Objective –

Review recreation provision. Research potential 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.

Project specifics 2025-2026

6. New formal recreation space/sports facility/football pitch (GAM 5) – perhaps to west of village. Action by local sports Clubs/S106 group/Clerks. Funded by S106 west Rd/Green End/Green End self-build.
7. Liaise with County regarding development of SEN facility on old First School site. Lobby for continued access to green space for local groups and permanent preschool provision utilizing funding from development of listed part of school for housing.
8. Install new equipment at Butts playground - Action by Clerks/children's facilities working party/S106 group. Funding S106 West Rd. When development triggers the release of funds.
9. Implement phase one of OMC update plan – to replace concrete roof tiles and improve energy efficiency of building. Summer 2025.
10. Install replacement for maze/willow dome on MBM. Action by Friends of MBM/children's facilities working party. Funding – external grants/2025-6 precept.
11. Community gym – continue to support it running from GVP. Consider support through grant funding and S106 improvements to community facilities.
12. Support GCC Ltd to pursue installation of solar batteries for Eco Hub to facilitate energy storage – external funds/precept.
13. Consider locations and funding opportunities for additional community defibrillators.



2. Theme - Environment

Objective - To enhance/protect the environment.

Project specifics 2025-26

1. Support Climate Action Group projects (including Grow Gamlingay/allotments/GVP kitchen garden). Action by Council. Ongoing.*
2. Consult on bio diversity audit and take forward actions.
3. Update wider tree strategy for parish tree planting – Action by Wildlife Trust/landowners/neighbouring PCs by 2025/6.
4. Request tree planting whenever any are removed within village boundaries. Apply to free trees initiative if locations are identified. Planting program in place for STMF on request (residents donations). Arrange tree inspections/works on PC land. Action Clerks/tree expert.
5. Support initiatives to improve Millbridge brook
6. Continue to trial wildflower verges/meadows and seek additional areas

*Carbon reduction resulting

Measurables-

20g carbon reduction saving per tree planted /per 1m of hedging /10m2 wildflower meadow per year (estimates for hedging and wildflower meadow)

Home grown (vegetables)/allotments- 0.12g per person carbon reduction per year

School kitchen garden project- 0.05g per child carbon capture per annum



3. Theme – Development

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

Project specifics 2025-26

1. Participate in all relevant consultations e.g., Local Plans and National Infrastructure projects. Action Council/clerks. Ongoing.
2. Ensure new development is compliant with GAM 1 (new buildings) and GAM 3 (local character)
3. Consider potential new public/permissive footpaths. Action Council/S106 group/developers/County Rights of Way officer. Ongoing.*
4. Review Neighbourhood Plan annually and report to Council
5. Improve current football pitches on recreation ground and seek new formal recreation space/sports facility/football pitch (GAM 5) – perhaps to west of village. Action by local sports Clubs/Football Foundation/S106 group/Clerks. Funded by S106 west Rd/Green End/Green End self-build.

0.45g car mode to cycling or walking per person per year per trip type



4. Theme - Local economy

Objective – Promote and support the local economy.

Project specifics 2025-26

1. Investigate options and funding opportunities to enhance access to local facilities – parking, cycle paths/parking/changing facilities. Action local businesses/S106 group/clerks.
2. Support local employers (GAM 4 Neighbourhood Plan).
3. Support GCC to promote Eco Hub for corporate events/training/networking/local job fairs/showcasing local producers of goods
4. Advertise local job and volunteering opportunities on PC website/social media



5. Theme - Transport

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

Project specifics 2025-26

1. Consider projects for submission to Local Highways Initiative scheme 2025/26.
2. Participate in relevant consultations. East West Rail/any relating to improving links to public transport/railway stations, including cross boundary consultations (e.g. Central Beds). Action Clerks/Council. Ongoing.
3. 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. Request funding from all development proposals from December 2022 as per NHP reference Appendix 3 Developer Contributions (pg. 74 NHP) for improved/new non-motorized travel infrastructure within the parish.*
4. Consider any community transport schemes/EV schemes presented to the Council. Support suitable local initiatives. Action Council/CAG/GCC Ltd.*

0.45g car mode to cycling or walking per person per year per trip type

Diesel car to electric- indicator saving per vehicle-3.2kg carbon pa.(12k per annum-usage only)

Diesel car to plug in hybrid- indicator saving per vehicle-1.25kg carbon pa.

Air pollution reduction- benefit

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