



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 2025.

1. New adult football pitch (23)
2. Additional community access defibrillator on east side of Gamlingay (8)
3. Joint - reuse tennis courts on recreation field for Padel or other use/New equipment for the Butts and or shade for summer months (3)
4. Better paths and cycleways (2)
5. Joint - Support Climate Action Group/Support for a permanent preschool facility (1)



Action Plan 2026-2027

1. Theme - Community facilities

Objective –

Review recreation and youth 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 2026-2027

1. Seek and develop plans for formal recreation space/sports facility/football pitch (GAM 5) – perhaps to west of village. Action by local sports Clubs/S106 group/Clerks. Part funded by S106 west Rd/Green End/Green End self-build.
2. Determine locations and seek funding for additional community defibrillator/s on East side of Gamlingay.
3. Investigate possibilities for refurbishment or alternative use of tennis courts – action local sports groups/Council
4. Install new equipment at Butts playground and shade for summer months - Action by Clerks/children's facilities working party/S106 group. Funding S106 West Rd for playground. When development triggers the release of funds
5. Liaise with County regarding permanent preschool provision utilizing funding from development of listed part of school for housing.
6. Implement phase two of OMC update plan – refurbish windows and replace ceiling
7. Install replacement for maze/willow dome on MBM. Action by Friends of MBM/children's facilities working party. Funding – external grants/ precept.
8. Investigate opportunities for new Youth club – consider funding through precept/local business sponsorship/Potton Town Council support



2. Theme - Environment

Objective - To enhance/protect the environment.

Project specifics 2026-27

1. Support Climate Action Group projects. Action by Council. Ongoing.*
2. Consult on biodiversity audit and take forward actions.
3. Update wider tree strategy for parish tree planting – Action by GPC, Wildlife Trust/landowners/neighbouring PCs .
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 2026-27

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 2026-27

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 2026-27

1. Consider projects for submission to Local Highways Initiative scheme 2026/27.
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.*
5. Request a reassessment of the eligibility for a lollipop person outside GVP.
6. Re consider a 20mph limit village wide – canvass public support for this.

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

Action Plan consulted on at Village Show 20th September 2025

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