

Whittington Parish Council Action Plan

2019/20 Financial Year with medium and longer term, strategic projects identified

Whittington Parish Council aims to:

- Constantly strive to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the community and be a strong voice for residents and local businesses.
- Provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development

The Parish Council's objectives are:

- To support local businesses and economic activity in the parish
- To support the work of parish voluntary organisations through grants and practical support
- To work with organisations to support the provision of youth activities in the parish
- To work with the Local Authority and the Police to improve road safety in the parish
- To understand, communicate and support the views, needs and aspirations of residents and businesses
- To increase public involvement in the community by ensuring the parish council is open, transparent and accountable to residents
- Ensure that councillors and staff have access to high quality training and development opportunities so that they are able to meet the required standards including working towards the Local Council Award.

This action plan was informed by the:

- 2016 Parish Plan
- The Place Plan
- Community representation at meetings
- Community engagement on Social Media

This action plan is a 'live' document and is updated on a regular basis, enabling the council to track and monitor progress against objectives and timescales.

The document is published on the Parish Council website so that residents can monitor progress.

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S – Short Term (12 months), M – Medium Term (1-2 years), L – Long Term (3-5 years), O – Ongoing,

Title	Timescales	Details	Funding Source(s)	Update on progress
COMMUNICATION				
Parish Council Website	S	Ensure that the website is kept up to date and has all the information to meet the Transparency Code requirements	Precept	
Communication Strategy	O	Consider ways to improve communication to the wider community to improve engagement and the sharing of information	Precept	
LEISURE AND COMMUNITY				
Grants	S	To promote the Parish Council Grant Scheme to obtain wider interest and more applications	Precept	
Events	O	Support and have a presence at community events such as the Community Carol Service, Village Fete etc	Precept	
Play Area	S	Ensure that the equipment is well-maintained and remedial work carried out, as required, to maximise the equipment lifespan	Precept / Earmarked Reserves	
Heritage Sites in the Parish	M	Preservation of the old Castle Wall on the Three	Precept / possibility of	

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		Trees Green Whittington Castle – provide support (and grant funding) for development plans to maximise tourism opportunities and income generation.	external grants / joint funding with SC Precept	
Bus Shelters and Benches	S	Ensure they are well maintained	Precept	
Youth Provision	S	Work with relevant organisations to establish what Youth provision is required in the Parish and support delivery (through grant funding)	Precept / possibility of external grants	Youth Consultation completed
Garden of Remembrance and Cemetery	O	Consider ways the Council can support the church to maintain these areas	Precept	

ROADS, TRANSPORT & STREETLIGHTING

Road Safety	M, O	Identified in the Place Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding Traffic • New pedestrian crossings • VAS Top Street – road safety improvement to return Top Street to pedestrian only to avoid It being used as a rat-run.	CIL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND Precept (to generate match funding for CIL) Earmarked Reserves	
Entrance to the Village / Welcome Gates	L	Identified in the 2016 Parish Plan. Improve the approach to Whittington and the Hamlets	Precept / possibility of external grants	
Pavements	M	Identified in the Parish Plan, Action Plan Summary To lobby the Highways Department	CIL	

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		Burma Road – need for pavement between The Venue and Park Hall Farm To be put into the Place Plan at next review		
Streetlights	M	Included in the Place Plan Annual Survey carried out to assess condition of the lights. SOX lamps no longer available from 2020. Ongoing project to convert to LED's and replace old concrete columns.	NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND Precept / Earmarked Reserves	
PLANNING				
Planning Policy	S	Development of a Planning Committee To develop parish council policies including a Pre-application engagement protocol		Planning Committee set up Pre-application engagement Protocol adopted
Neighbourhood Plan	O	Consider whether this is required or a Community Led Plan	Precept / Grants	
THE COUNCIL				
Raise the profile of the Parish Council	O	Ongoing. Online, in the Ripple, in press.		Good public attendance at meetings recently

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Actively promote the need for younger members of the community to stand for election in 2021	M	Council to explore use of advertising on social media to communicate with young people.		
Achieve the Local Council Award (Foundation Level).	S	Can be applied for once an action plan for the PC is in place and published on the website. Once obtained, it lasts for 4 years.		
Councillors and Staff to be actively committed to training.	S	Ongoing. Training Policy to be adopted.		Training Policy adopted 18.12.2018

FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

New Services / Developments identified in the 2016 Parish Plan

(The following items not currently adopted as part of the Parish Council Action Plan and no funding is currently allocated in the budget)

Parish Hall		Identified in the Parish Plan 2016		
Highways		Identified in the Parish Plan 2016 - Re-routing of HGV traffic and a by pass New pedestrian crossings		
Parking		Identified in the Parish Plan 2016 - School and general parking		
Shop in Park Hall		Identified in the Parish Plan 2016		
Allotments		Identified in the Parish Plan 2016		

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