

The Parish Council's Strategic Aims (excluding housing) 2026-29

Over the past 2 years the Parish Council have produced a draft plan (excluding housing). This was based on responses from surveys and the Council's own priorities to inform decisions about the use of its resources to deliver facilities for the Parish. The aims stated are those which we considered would be deliverable given our resource constraints. These aims are in addition to the on-going work to provide and maintain services in the Parish, and support local organisations.

Key Strategic Aim 1. To Improve the quality of life for those living and working in the parish

1.1 To foster a socially inclusive and caring community.

1.1.4 Assess feasibility to extend and re-configure the Pavilion, and to improve facilities at the recreation ground to create a more diverse user base. Feasibility by 2027. Implement depending on funding.

1.1.5 Improve the parking controls at the Car Park in the Village Hall in 2026.

1.2 To promote good ecology and climate change practice.

1.2.1 Assess replacing the Pavilion Oil boiler with Solar/ Heat pumps/ battery storage to reduce carbon and stabilise the heating system at the Pavilion. Assess viability by June 2026.

1.2.2 Support the provision of allotment or community spaces to provide local food production, where possible. (TBA depending on land available)

1.2.2 Replace current streetlamp bulbs with LED bulbs 2025.

1.2.3 Adopt a dark skies policy 2026.

1.3 Work with other authorities to improve safety in our community and on our roads.

1.3.1 Install 30mph limits at edges of the village. By June 2025 (Application now with ESCC)

1.3.2 Install further speed reduction measures. By Dec 2026

1.3.3 Work with ESCC to improve the footpaths/pavement north of the Village. 2026-27

Key Strategic Aim 2. To represent the local community in a fair, balanced and informed manner.

2.1 Improve our website, social media and other communications to enable better communication with residents, including a quarterly newsletter.

2.2 Agree Key Strategies for the next 5 years with residents. (to include the production of a Parish Priority Statement).

Key Strategic Aim 3. To manage our assets, finances and governance in an open, efficient, and effective manner for the benefit of all residents

3.1 Upgrade our document processing and handling systems. 2025-26

3.1.1 Ensure our data and communications are secure, compliant with regulations and accessible.

3.2 Adopt of policy of respect. (See NALC guidelines)