

Cherry Burton Parish Council

Village Plan - 2023/24

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Overall Aim

Cherry Burton Parish Council aims to maintain and improve residents' quality of life by effectively acting in, and representing, the community's best interests, supporting community-based activities and initiatives whilst operating within agreed budgets, and complying with current legislation and guidance.

Key Objectives

1. To agree the 2024/25 plan, along with a supporting budget and resultant Precept.
2. To ensure that the village infrastructure and key facilities, either directly or indirectly through the ERYC, are maintained and enhanced to support the community's current and future needs.
3. To ensure Parish Councillors are trained, briefed and empowered to enable them to act and represent the best interests of the community.
4. To ensure our Parish Council is 'fit for purpose' by initially working towards the Foundation Standard of the Local Council Award Scheme and using this as a stepping-stone to further improvement levels along the Award Scheme system.

Planned Actions

1. To agree the 2024/25 plan, along with a supporting budget and resultant Precept
 - i. Formulate and agree the 2024/25 Parish Council plan.
 - ii. Agree the 2024/25 budget.
 - iii. Calculate the 2024/25 precept.
 - iv. Monitor actual spend year to date, against the annual budget, on a quarterly basis (July, October, January and April meetings).
 - v. Monitor progress against the plan through a quarterly traffic light system.
2. To ensure that the village infrastructure and key facilities, either directly or indirectly through the ERYC, are maintained and enhanced to support the community's current and future needs.
 - i. Ensure general maintenance and repairs are carried out in 'open spaces' throughout our village, including supporting the ERYC biannual 'street scene' inspection. Specific projects identified include:
 - Footway and hedge work maintenance on the Etton Road trod
 - Management of The Meadows dog walking field.
 - Improved Sportsfield drainage.

- Nature Trail enhancement
 - General maintenance of both the sports field and the pavilion.
 - Maintain the village pond including improving the village pond fence, boundary vegetation control.
 - ii. Prepare development plans for grant driven investments to include:
 - Maintenance of the playground area on the village green.
 - New Sportsfield childrens' adventure area.
 - Sportsfield Pavilion – changing room corridor refurbishment.
 - Continue to assess the feasibility of footpath access to Bishop Burton.
 - Finalising path access around the village.
 - iii. General maintenance of both the sports field and the pavilion.
 - iv. Develop the village pond and Christmas Lights.
 - v. Satisfactorily aid resolution in major issues with both flooding and sewerage within our village, ahead of any further planning developments.
3. To ensure Parish Councillors are trained, briefed and empowered to enable them to act and represent the best interests of the community.
- i. Identify and carry out appropriate training to ensure all Parish Councillors can fulfill their roles and represent the best interests of the community.
 - ii. Implement a community engagement strategy, to actively consult and engage with our local community in key areas.
 - iii. Promote the Parish Council grants and donation policy to encourage self help and support within the community.
 - iv. Carry out a consultation on the use / spending of the Mast money.
4. To ensure the Parish Council is 'fit for purpose' by initially working towards the Foundation Standard of the Local Council Award Scheme and using this as a stepping-stone to further improvement levels along the Award Scheme system.
- i. Working to complete requirements and apply for the Foundation Award.
 - ii. We have completed all requirements and finalised all outstanding actions.
 - iii. Ensure all documents, procedures, information, and conditions are in place for submission to the Awards Panel and that the documentation review process works smoothly ensuring topicality and adherence to parish council standards.
 - iv. Carry out a gap analysis to repeat the above to achieve the next level of Quality Award when the Foundation Award has been achieved.