

# Cherry Burton Parish Council

## Village Plan - 2025/26

**Approved on 11 February 2025**

### 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 2025/26 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.

### Planned Actions

1. To agree the 2026/27 plan, along with a supporting budget and resultant Precept
  - i. Formulate and agree the 2026/27 Parish Council plan.
  - ii. Agree the 2026/27 budget.
  - iii. Calculate the 2026/27 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 biennial '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.
    - Maintain and enhance the Nature Trail.
    - Maintenance and improvement of the sports field, pavilion and access drive.
    - Maintain the village pond including improving the village pond fence, boundary vegetation control.
    - Maintain and improve street furniture.

- ii. Prepare development plans for grant driven and other 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.
    - Address issues of storage provision.
    - Improve provision of benches around the village.
  - iii. Develop the village pond and Christmas Lights.
  - iv. 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.