



# Winsham Parish Council

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## Winsham Parish Council Action Plan

Colour guide to importance of delivering the project / addressing the issues within a timeframe.		
6 Months	12 Months	18 Months
Continuous – 'ongoing'		

### General

#### 1. Quality Services

The Council provides a number of services to the local population. It will seek to ensure that these services meet the needs of the local population and that they represent value for money. The Council welcomes the involvement of residents in its decision making process and will consult residents on issues of importance.

**How:** *Councillors Surgeries, Meetings, and Consultation Survey's/Questionnaires.*

#### 2. Encourage Partnership/Sponsorship Approach and Funding

The Parish Council is one of many organisations working within the Community. We should encourage investment of both time and resources by other agencies to help achieve our objectives. We should join forces with County and District Councils and with the business community, voluntary bodies and local residents associations for the benefit of the community.

**How:** *By maintaining a positive and productive relationship with all the bodies outlined above.*

### Community Issues

#### 3. Winsham Traffic Speed

The Parish Council wishes to improve the speeding levels within the Parish. To this end Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) will be installed at the entrance to the village on various occasions throughout the year.

<b>How:</b> <i>By working with Speeding Regulator</i>	<b>Target:</b> <i>To improve the speeding issues within the village</i>
<b>Who:</b> <i>The Clerk and Council Chairman</i>	

#### 4. Law and Order

The Parish Council will work with the Police and other agencies to reduce vandalism and criminal activity within the parish.

**How:** *By working with the local Police.*

**Who:**

#### 5. Recreational facilities

The Council is committed to increasing recreational activities for all age groups and in, particular, activities for teenagers. The Council will investigate the possibility of outside exercise equipment.

The Council will contribute to the cost of the grass cutting at the Sports and Social Club/Football Club.

**How:**

**Target:**

**Who:** *The Projects Officer*

#### 6. Increase the awareness of Winsham

The Council wants to raise the profile of the village but is aware that this task will be easier once it can offer a wider range of facilities. Individual events, such as the switching on of the Christmas Lights, will be publicised and closer relations are being developed with the local press and media.

In the longer term a broader publicity strategy will need to be developed

#### 7. Public Relations

The Council will develop communications with local residents with regular articles in the Joint Parish Magazine and by disseminating information through its web site, the e-letter and through articles in the local press.

The Council will continue to appoint representatives to serve on a wide range of outside organisations. We will, where appropriate ask residents for their views on the services it provides.

**How:** *Developing communications and an ongoing evolving project.*

**Target:** *To start work immediately with the projects officer to look at grant opportunities, process and conditions.*

**Who:** *The Projects Officer*

### Environmental Issues

#### 8. Individual Developments

The Council will seek to ensure that new developments are in keeping with the architecture of the town and that highway and other issues are considered when we are consulted in the planning process.

The Council will oppose the erection of communication masts where these are considered to be too close to residential areas.

## **Customer Issues**

### **9. Annual Report/Newsletter**

The Council will publish an Annual Report and or Newsletter summarising its activities and will look at ways of circulating this to the residents of Winsham.

## **Corporate**

### **13. Landholdings**

The Council owns various parcels of land within the Parish. It will manage these in such a way as to secure value for money for the local ratepayers whilst also protecting open spaces which would otherwise be at risk of development.

### **14. IT issues**

Council staff will maximise the use of the IT resources making increasing use of email and developing further the new website launched last year.

### **15. Improved Access**

The Council needs make all its facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

### **16. Review of Action Plan**

The Council will review this Action Plan once a year to ensure that our priorities reflect those of the local residents.