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Winsham Parish Council Action Plan 2018

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: *Councillor's Surgeries, Meetings, and Consultation Surveys/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 the last installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) was installed on the B3162 opposite the playground.

It is uncertain whether there will be further SIDs due to the County Council withdrawing the project. However, a request for a Small Improvement Scheme has been submitted via the County Councillor to amend the speed limits within Winsham.

The Community Speedwatch scheme remains a viable option but only if sufficient volunteers from the parish become available.

How: <i>By working with Speeding Regulator and the County Council</i>	Target: <i>To improve the speeding issues within the parish</i>
Who: <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: <i>By working with the local Police.</i>	Who: <i>PSCO, all Councillors</i>
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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, and also consider the view of youth via the survey (outlined in step 16 below)

How:	Target:
Who: <i>The Projects Officer</i>	

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.

It is also intended that an inaugural Business Networking Event will be held in the Jubilee Hall, towards the second half of 2018.

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 also be publishing regular Newsletters, available in hard copy form across various locations within the Parish and on line at its own website.

The Council will continue to strive 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.

Although a Grants Process has been implemented by the Council, the Members have decided not to allocate a budget during the forthcoming year, although individual requests received will be considered at its monthly Parish Council Meetings.

The Council will hold a civic event to commemorate the end of the Great War in November 2018.

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

Target:

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.

Members will endeavour to attend any Area West Committee Meetings where an application from the Parish is being discussed.

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

As and when the building commences at the new 12 property development at Western Way, the Council will liaise with the developer to ensure it progresses smoothly.

Customer Issues

9. Annual Report/Newsletter

The Council will publish an Annual Report and 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.

The Council will consider -proactively- future land use in the Parish.

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 in 2016.

15. Parish Plan

The original Parish Plan was undertaken in 2013 and needs a refresh as 5 years have passed.

16. Youth Needs Survey

In conjunction with the Parish Plan the Parish Council will aim to undertake a Youth Needs Survey.

17. Improved Access

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

The Council will aim to encourage all community facilities to be made accessible to people with disabilities.

18. 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.