



## **WISTOW PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Action Plan 2026-2027**

#### **Mission Statement**

Wistow Parish Councils mission is to continuously strive to improve, enhance, encourage and promote social and community values, by working with and supporting local organisations, groups, and agencies to provide additional services and facilities to residents. To create a sustainable community striving to involve and meet the needs of all our residents.

#### **The Plan**

- Continuously work to improve information and communication.
- A clean and tidy village.
- Enhance road safety.
- Improve and promote local facilities.
- Encourage community involvement.
- Encourage opportunities for improved Health and Well-being.
- Help promote the use of local shops and businesses.
- Encourage energy efficiency and environmental sustainability

This Plan includes the following 3 sections:

- Administering the Council
- The Local Environment
- Community Engagement/Events



<b>Focus</b>	<b>Administering the Council</b>		
<b>Aims</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implication</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
To ensure all policies and procedures are up to date and adhered to	Continue operating to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Update when necessary, bring to full Council	Already included in working practices	Ongoing
Review of the Action Plan	Update and review as necessary, ensuring website is kept up to date	Improve transparency	Ongoing
Adhere to new legislation	Update when necessary, bring to full Council	Ongoing compliance	Ongoing
Continuous monitoring of budgets	Monthly reports prepared by RFO Quarterly budget reviews at full Council meeting	Ongoing transparency and financial robustness.	Ongoing
Maximise grant opportunities	Seek relevant grant opportunities Forward planning at budget setting	Successful application provide opportunities for new project and facilities that otherwise would not be possible	Ongoing
Insurance	To obtain new quotes and accept as appropriate	Ongoing compliance	Ongoing
Review legal powers and opportunities	Ensure compliance	Statutory requirement	Ongoing
Transparency Code	To ensure compliance	Statutory requirement	Ongoing
Councillor Training	To encourage all councillors to take advantage of training.	Ensure councillors are fully knowledgeable. Include training figure in budget	Ongoing
Clerk Training	Encourage Clerk to take advantage of relevant training	Ensure Clerk is fully knowledgeable and up to date with all relevant legislation. Include training figure in budgets	Ongoing



Protect the Parish	The Council will continue to liaise with the Police and Ward Councillors	Ensuring communication both ways	Ongoing
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<b>Focus</b>	<b>Infrastructure and Highways</b>		
<b>Aims</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implication</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
To tackle village highways and flooding issues	To continue to work with the County Council Highways Department to improve the road surfaces. To install traffic calming measures as appropriate and measure impact. To continue to work with the Environment Agency and landowners to improve and clear ditches and keep verges mowed and cleared	To improve Road Safety, Transport and reduce the flooding risk. To work with County Council on Highways and flooding issues as Highways authority and lead flood authority Take advantage of the LHI funding opportunities Ensure contingency figure in budget	Ongoing
Open Space and Play Areas	To continue to ensure all Parish Council maintained open spaces are well cared for.	In budget	Ongoing
Speeding traffic	Continue to work with County Council on highways issues. Continue to work with Cambs Police on Community Speedwatch	Budget implications for equipment servicing and repairs	Ongoing



Focus	Community Projects		
Aims	Objective	Implication	Timescale
Tackle Litter and dog fouling	To monitor adequacy and position of waste bins To continue annual litter picks and provide dog fouling bags empty bins in the play areas.	In budget	Ongoing
Playground	Provide new play equipment	Budget costs and Funding availability	ongoing
Encourage energy efficiency and environmental sustainability	Ensure council buildings are energy efficient Work with CCC in the project to upgrade street lighting to energy efficient bulbs. Use energy, natural resources, and non-renewable resources efficiently and strive to minimise waste and pollution. Inform Wistow's residents of the council's environmental activities and respond and react to feedback. Support individual behaviour change in Wistow's residents, leading by example and supporting environmentally friendly activities. Support local organisations in the adoption of low impact practices.	Budget costs and funding availability	Ongoing



	<p>Manage land using environmentally friendly practices that will promote and increase biodiversity and protect habitats</p>		
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<p>To improve communications</p>	<p>Ensure that all events, where possible, are advertised as widely as possible, using web sites, notice boards and posters in prominent areas. Facebook Invite all local organisations and groups to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Encourage more public to attend parish meetings and are involved in decision making. To ensure that there is a public forum at each parish meeting. To support local organisations that are beneficial to the community through practical support and grant</p>	<p>No costs</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
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