

Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council

Action Plan 2021-2025

1. Mission Statement:

To promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Parishes and to contribute to a sustainable and inclusive community.

2. Objectives:

2.1 To assist in the creation of a socially inclusive and economically viable community embracing all residents irrespective of age, culture, income, race or religion and which seeks to develop their well-being knowledge, understanding and mutual co-operation.

2.2 To provide high quality, efficient, cost effective and sustainable services.

2.3 To promote and encourage the provision of leisure, social, recreational and community educational facilities in the Parish appropriate to the normal activities of a rural Parish along with the protection, enhancement and maintenance of environmental and heritage assets.

2.4 To provide channels for the views and expressions of the Local Community and to be responsive to its needs and aspirations.

2.5 To liaise with and support Local Community groups and Associations.

2.6 To recognise Climate Change and implement measures consistent with carbon neutrality in 2025.

2.7 To support ecological enhancement and biodiversity.

3. Principles:

In all its actions the Council will take into account and where appropriate act in accordance with the principles enshrined in the relevant legislation and best practice for:-

- Health & Safety
- Equal Opportunities
- Best value
- Crime and disorder
- Disability Discrimination Act
- Age Discrimination Act
- Local Council Awards Scheme
- Environmental, Heritage and Planning Legislation
- Data Protection-

4. Four- Year Plan:

The key objectives for 2020-2024 are:

4.1 Planning & Development:

4.1.1 The Neighbourhood Plan:

The Wybunbury Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan was formally adopted by Cheshire East Council on the 6th April 2020 and will remain in force until 2030. Whilst there is no statutory requirement to review or update a Neighbourhood Plan (gov.uk.NP para 084) the Parish Council will review and consider modifications at 5-year intervals in accordance with para 106. The first being April 2025.

4.1.2 Local Plan:

The Cheshire East Local Plan was adopted in 2017 and the -SADPD (Site Allocation and Development Policies) were adopted in 2022

4.3 Transport:

A Councillor is responsible for transport issues. The PC will seek to minimise the impact of traffic on our rural roads, and verges. The PC will continue to actively manage all road-related live concerns via its Hatherton Roads website. This includes potholes, flooding, trees, hedgerows, road signs and pavements.

4.4 Footpaths & Bridleways:

The PC will continue to liaise with Cheshire East PROW and local ramblers groups in monitoring condition and accessibility of footpaths and bridleways.

Objectives include developing and publicising circular walking routes and the re-opening of "lost" footpaths where appropriate and provision of public seating at popular locations.

4.5 Ecology & Planting:

Wildflower planting is proposed in suitable locations.

Tree planting at both public and private locations with the necessary consents is an objective along with supplementary planting to encourage biodiversity.

Also Hedgerow renovation is to be encouraged.

4.6 Well-being & Consultation:

Defibrillators are planned to be available with Parish Council assistance/co-operation at several locations around the Parish.

A Councillor is appointed to represent the Parish at Audlem and District Community Action Committee Meetings. The Parish Council will continue to work closely with this charity which has the aim of providing welfare support to vulnerable and socially isolated adults and older people and

their carers within Audlem and District, promoting social inclusion, community participation and independence. Consultation will be sought regarding Village Improvements, lead by the PC Village Improvement Advisory Committee.

4.7 Local Council Award Scheme:

The PC with the guidance of the Chair and Clerk will continue to develop skills in communication/management/decision making and evaluation by attendance at Seminars and Training Sessions in order to proceed beyond the foundation level-

4.8 Communication:

4.8.1 Website and IT:

The PC launched its Accessible new website in 2021 and continues to expand and improve it with input from residents.

4.8.2 Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting is held before the first business meeting of the year where the Chairman provides an Annual Report detailing the activities and achievements of the year.

4.8.3 Police Liaison:

A Councillor is appointed annually to liaise with the Police Authority and PCSO who reports regularly to the PC in an Action Summary. Direct contact with the PCSO is encouraged and details are published on the website.

4.9 Finance:

In addition to fixing the annual precept, the PC will prepare an annual budget cost plan and monitor on a bimonthly basis reported in the Meeting Minutes.

4.10 Community:

Two Parish Councillors have roles to help the needy;- funds are available from Wybunbury United Charities.

4.11 Parish Clerk:

The Parish Clerk plays a key role in administering the working of the PC, in particular ensuring correct procedures are followed and formal record taking. The position is an employed/remunerated function and the present Clerk, Abbi Miller, operates on a part time basis. The PC encourages the Clerk to develop further management/administrative skills under the current Awards Scheme.

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