

HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN

2008/11

The Mission of Hawkwell Parish Council is:

‘To develop and sustain a sense of community within the parish of Hawkwell by addressing environmental, economic and social issues and delivering quality services to our Parishioners’.

Our Strategic objectives are:

1. To work with the Police and other authorities to nurture a safe and lawful environment:

- By supporting the police in the prevention and detection of crime;
- By working with young people wherever possible to engage them in creative activities to divert them from damaging the facilities in the parish;
- By working to develop facilities to provide spaces for young people to gather and socialise.
- By working with the appropriate authorities to ensure the streets and public areas are well lit and where possible designed to minimise crime and by ensuring our streetlights are maintained in a fully functional mode with repairs effected within agreed timescales;
- By working with the appropriate authorities to ensure the footpaths are in a good state of repair and the public rights of way kept reasonably free from undergrowth;
- By supporting people and local organisations in the introduction of traffic calming measures and other road safety initiatives in their immediate locality.

2. To work for the improvement of the built environment:

- By developing a village plan to which all parishioners have had chance to make a contribution and which provides a vision for the development of the parish and identifies the options for environmental benefits and improvements.
- By identifying unacceptable building proposals and registering our concerns with the planning authority prior to their formal consideration;
- By maintaining our bus shelters and other street furniture in good order and pursuing an appropriate maintenance and renewal plan.
- By working with the Community Policing team to detect and prosecute perpetrators of graffiti or other vandalism;
- By working with the appropriate authorities to minimise the detrimental effects of litter in the streets and public areas.

3. To work with Statutory and Non – statutory Bodies seeking to improve the quality of life for parishioners:

- By co-operating with neighbouring parishes on issues that affect us;
- By supporting and working with Youth Groups and Elderly Persons organisations as directed by the Council;
- By co-operating and working with those schools our parishioners attend to improve facilities for the young in the parish.

4. To further develop the parks and the nature reserve in the parish to provide green and open spaces and to contribute to sustaining bio-diversity within the parish:

- By maintaining the nature reserve at Magnolia Park and by working with the various authorities and agencies to improve the natural environment and sustain bio-diversity;
- By developing the facilities at Magnolia Park for the use of parishioners;
- By developing and sustaining the plan for use of Spencer's Park;
- By developing and implementing a management plan for Glencroft POS;
- By maintaining and improving the children's play spaces including the replacement of play equipment on a rolling basis.
- By developing a village plan to which all parishioners have had chance to make a contribution and which provides a vision for the development of all the village parks and open spaces.

5. To improve the environment in the Parish:

- By developing and sustaining an active footpaths policy and by working with the Parish Paths Partnership to maintain our current network of footpaths in good order;
- By identifying opportunities to open or re-open bye-ways in conjunction with The Parish Paths Partnership Officer;
- By developing a village plan to which all parishioners have had a chance to make a contribution and which provides a vision for the development of all the village public open spaces.

6. To manage the affairs of the Council on an efficient and effective basis:

- By ensuring all decisions are taken on a value for money basis;
- By being a good employer and treating employees as valued members of the team;
- By ensuring all legal obligations are observed and good practice followed in respect of the financial management of the Council;
- By developing and implementing policies and procedures that ensure good governance of the Council's affairs;
- By adopting and updating appropriate financial policies including the management of reserves.