



PARISH PLAN 2023-2024

Our Vision

To help every resident experience an enhanced quality of life building upon the existing character and community spirit within the Parish and encouraging all sectors of the community to nurture an inclusive and vibrant community.

To provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish actively seeking to involve residents in the decision-making process to ensure our actions reflect the aspirations of the community and its future development.

To be a strong voice for residents and local businesses, working to improve the overall parish area both built and natural, while preserving the uniqueness of heritage areas.

Key Priorities

For many years we are fortunate to have been served by a strong and committed team of Councillors and Officers who have run the Council efficiently and delivered much valued services.

In this Parish Plan (including an [Engagement Strategy](#)) the newly elected Parish Council sets out our aims more clearly to enable us to continue to build on that work of engaging with residents, different tiers of local government and other relevant stakeholders and we will seek feedback to help to judge our progress.

Our key priorities are:

1. To continue the provision and enhancement of recreation facilities, other amenities and our natural environment, to support and enhance the health, welfare and wellbeing of residents and visitors to Horndean.
2. To maintain and improve the environment within Horndean including the reduction of vehicle pollution, speeding and anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, littering and graffiti.



3. To engage with relevant stakeholders to explain our role, to listen to their concerns and to represent their interests as appropriate.
4. As a statutory consultee, to respond to planning applications in a constructive, timely and professional manner.
5. To support eligible organisations through grants and advice.
6. To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management.
7. To contain the cost of services to Horndean Council Taxpayers (assessed by 5-year indexation).
8. To coopt more Councillors to fill vacancies to reach our full 15-member complement.

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Projects

1. To install Solar Panels on Jubilee Hall to reduce utility costs and our carbon footprint.
2. To upgrade the Five Heads Road Play Area.
3. To hold the first meeting between Horndean Parish Councillors and the local councillors from Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council.
4. To secure further funding for the Initial Stage of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.
5. To begin implementation of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.
6. To continue engagement concerning the Aquind Connector.
7. To continue to review all relevant documents relating to the development known as the Land East of Horndean (LEOH) and make representations in a timely manner.
8. To act as a member of the wider Havant Thicket Reservoir Stakeholder Advisory Group.

Current Issues/Concerns

1. Vandalism/Anti-Social Behaviour.
2. Speeding.
3. Littering.



PARISH PLAN ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Horndean Parish Council wants to encourage the involvement and contribution of [“relevant stakeholders”](#) to help and support the delivery of the Horndean Parish Plan.

This Engagement Strategy explains how we communicate who we are, what we do and our aspirations for Horndean, as a basis for creating a more informed and active citizenship keen to engage in decision-making and in securing enhanced local services.

Key Priorities

To communicate information to our community by:

1. Sharing the Parish Plan and any subsidiary plans.
2. Actively being involved in relevant stakeholder meetings and events.
3. Maintaining our website detailing all council services, policies and activities and keeping it up to date (archiving old material periodically).
4. Maintaining our Facebook page for current news and events.
5. Disseminating what we do to specific communities or groups within our relevant stakeholders (e.g., schools, voluntary groups) by including links to their websites or to their other social media channels (e.g., on-line school newsletters) through our website and/or through our Facebook page.
6. Preparing an Annual Report of past achievements and of future plans, for wide distribution and for use at each Annual Meeting.

To continue to protect and enhance the image and reputation of the Parish Council by:

1. Inviting relevant stakeholders to be actively involved in our meetings via the public forum during Council Meetings, or by inclusion as an Agenda Item.
2. Encouraging wider usage of the Parish Council's website.
3. Revitalising the use of the Parish Noticeboards to communicate both the Parish Council's and the community's activities.
4. Issuing press releases covering significant Parish Council activities and initiatives.



5. Actively representing the community in relevant fora, for example LEOH developments, the Aquind Connector, Havant Thicket Reservoir and any other local projects that emerge in the future.

Relevant Stakeholders

Listed below are some of the relevant stakeholders that the Parish Council wishes actively to engage with. The list is not exhaustive as the Parish Council will seek to engage with other stakeholders from time to time:

1. Residents of Horndean
2. Businesses and business organisations
3. Community interest and residents' groups
4. Voluntary groups
5. Charities providing services to support Horndean residents.
6. Probation services
7. Young people
8. Other tiers of local government
9. Public, private and voluntary sector stakeholders involved in supporting projects.
10. Local schools/colleges,
11. Policing teams
12. Groups connected with a place of worship.