

Lakenheath Parish Council Vision Plan



2016 - 2019

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL VISION

2016 – 2031

1. Introduction

This Vision has been developed to set out the Parish Council's objectives and aspirations for the period 2016 – 2019. The current Parish Council term prior to new election. The vision has been developed by Parish Councillors.

2. The Parish Council's Vision for Lakenheath Parish:

To make Lakenheath Parish an attractive, safe and vibrant place to live and work.

3. The Aim of Lakenheath Parish Council:

To ensure the character and unique environment of the villages and open space in the parish is protected and improved for future generations of residents.

4. The Parish Council's Values:

- To work with and listen to local residents, community groups and businesses and try to support them in appropriate local developments.
- To use Council influence where possible to shape the future services and development of the Parish area.
- To seek benefits for the local area.
- To ensure future planning applications reflect and meet long term challenges in the area.

5. Main aims:

- To enhance communication between the Council and the local community.
- To enhance leisure and recreational facilities within the Parish.
- To continue to support and improve the Parish Council's responsibilities:
 1. Village Greens and Play Areas,
 2. To seek Improvements to Highway Infrastructure,
 3. To seek to improve and maintain local beneficial facilities
 4. To enhance community safety and reduce the fear of crime,

6. Objectives within first 2 years:

The Parish Council

- Produce Vision for the Council;
- Examine options and apply for funding of new community facilities and initiatives.
- Create a more outward focus in the community.
- Provide a higher profile in the community: improve website; maintain input to Parish Newsletter.
- Expand partnership working with: the police; District and County Councils; local organisations providing youth and elderly services; neighbouring Town and Parish councils.

Community Safety

- Maintain and improve relationships between the Parish Council, the community and the Police to encourage improved community policing.
- Support Neighbourhood Watch.
- Support local youth initiatives to help prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Encourage local sport and recreational initiatives to involve youths.

Traffic Management

- Establish better relationship with civil enforcement officers over anti-social parking.
- Review sites for mobile speed-watch lights and establish a speed-watch scheme to aid road and traffic calming measures.
- Investigate continuing funding options for these measures.
- Examine traffic calming options with County Council Highways Department.

Development Planning

- Ensure any Development Plans reflect the community wishes.
- Highlight local infrastructure issues with new developments: power; water; drainage; transport.
- Highlight local sustainability issues as part of the planning process with the District and County councils.
- Identify sites for future private, affordable and social housing in the parish.
- Champion additional sporting, leisure and recreational facilities.
- Improve dialogue with the planning authority and Developers direct to ensure that section106 and CIL payments benefit the community.

7. Objectives in following 2 years:

Development Planning

- Start preparing 2018 Council Vision.

Establish community needs

- Survey requirements of the young and elderly in the Parish and produce a list of achievable aims.

Community Safety

- Examine existing good practice from other Parish and Town councils.

Traffic Management

- Review sites for additional parking and work to obtain reduction in choke points.

Establish community needs

- Examine options for improving and maintaining community transport. Support most viable and affordable.

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance communication between the Council and the local Community.	Produce Vision for the Council;	Chairman planning subcommittee to continue to lead Vision development. When agreed it will be put on website and some hard copies available in the office.
To be actively involved in in major proposed developments.	Ensure developments reflect the Community wishes.	Through Parish council and planning Sub-Committees.
Maintain a visible Parish Office	Parish Office aims to act as a one stop shop to provide a range of services and act as a contact point for other agencies. Investigate feasibility of having one morning a month contact point in the village.	Clerk to seek a venue in village for a regular "one day a month" drop in for residents. Are Councillors / AST willing to join Clerk on that morning for a surgery?
Work with RAF Lakenheath	To establish practical boundaries for safe-guarded areas that are also related to over flights.	Through Lakenheath Parish Council Planning subcommittee

Communications Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance communication between the Council and the local Community.	To work with and listen to local residents, community groups and businesses and try to support them in appropriate local developments.	Set up a Communications Working Group (CWG) to explore all aspects of communication between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPC and its councillors and • WPC and residents. • Maintain communication via Parish magazine.
To continue to support and improve the Parish Council's responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Village Greens and Play Areas, •Public Toilets 	Champion development plans to ensure maximum community benefit. To seek benefits for the local area.	LPC explore ways of gaining feedback about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of and • ideas for development of WPC amenities. Communicate responses.
To encourage wider participation as Councillors.	To ensure information is available to persuade people to come forward for the 2018 elections.	Clerk in coordination with LPC.

Traffic Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To seek improvements to the Highway Infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate feasibility of employing our own patrols to locate works required. • Review sites for traffic lights, crossings and traffic calming measures to aid road crossing. • Investigate funding options. 	Set up a Traffic Working Group (TWG) to explore these items.
To seek to improve local retail opportunities, including disabled parking.	To provide Disabled Parking by the shopping.	TWG explore.

Recreation Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance leisure and recreational facilities within the Parish.	<p>Examine options and apply for funding of new community facilities and initiatives.</p> <p>To use Council influence to shape the future services and development of the Parish Area.</p> <p>Champion additional sporting and recreational facilities.</p>	<p>Set up a Recreation Working Group (RWG) to explore and identify new initiatives</p> <p>Ensure Clerk can keep in loop about funding opportunities.</p>

Security Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance community safety and reduce the fear of crime.	<p>-Maintain and improve relationships between the Parish Council, the Community and the Police to encourage improved Community Policing.</p> <p>-Support Neighbourhood watch.</p> <p>-Support local youth initiatives to help prevent antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>-Encourage local sport and recreational initiatives to involve youths.</p> <p>-Establish better relationship with civil enforcement Officers over anti- social parking.</p>	<p>Set up a Security Working Group (SWG) to work with the Police and the residents on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch, • the time spent on Community support by the PCSO, • possibilities of Volunteer Civil Enforcement Officers.

Infrastructure Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Development areas approved.• Maximisation of future income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight local infrastructure issues with new developments: power; water; drainage; transport• Highlight local sustainability issues as part of the planning process with the District and County Councils.• Improve dialogue with the planning authority to ensure that 106 and CIL payments benefit the Community.	Set up an Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) to put pressure on and try to get joint working between all power and infrastructure suppliers locally.