



Waldridge Parish Council

Community Engagement Strategy

WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Waldridge Parish Council is committed to encouraging residents to become actively involved in decisions that affect them and their Community, we will strive to deliver a better service and to keep our community well informed.

We recognise that the services we provide must reflect the needs of our Parishioners and believe they should be involved in the decision making process.

The Parish Council aims to achieve this by:

- ❖ Making information available on what decisions are being considered, and how residents can give their opinions.
- ❖ This information will be published using the two Parish Council notice boards, the website, which is updated regularly, posters, the 'Clippings' which is delivered to every household in the Parish four times a year, along with flyers to advertise events.
- ❖ Consultations and questionnaires will be carried out and the results made available on the website.
- ❖ Parish Council meetings are open to members of the public and time is given at the start of the meeting for residents to make comments or to ask questions.
- ❖ Agendas and Minutes of meetings are posted on the website.
- ❖ The Annual Parish Meeting held in April is used for obtaining the views of residents on matters affecting the community.
- ❖ Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting is posted on the notice boards, in local shops, library and on the website.
- ❖ Residents may submit items to the Clerk, prior to the meeting, which they wish to be raised at a Council meeting.

- ❖ Details of how to contact the Clerk and Members of the Council are displayed on the notice boards, on the website and in the Parish Council Newsletter.
- ❖ Parish Council Surgeries are held every month (except August) at 6.30pm (before parish council meeting) to give residents an opportunity to raise concerns or ask questions about local issues, and for Councillors to provide information, help and guidance where possible.
- ❖ Where residents' request assistance, the Parish Council will, where appropriate, ensure that residents are referred to the correct department of the Unitary Authority or relevant organisation.
- ❖ The Parish Council will encourage residents to use the forum / blog / and poll on the website in order to respond to consultations, and to encourage discussions on matters affecting the community.
- ❖ When dealing with other authorities or organisations regarding issues affecting the community, the Parish Council will ensure that the opinions of the members of the community are made known.
- ❖ We will work closely with the local neighbourhood police, to help solve problems, and encourage a better understanding of local issues.
- ❖ A Face book page is open to residents to make comments, ask questions or take part in debate (as per Face book policy)

Signed

Chairman

Clerk

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