



FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL



Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement

Aims and objectives

The Parish Council is committed to achieving its Vision and Mission by working with the community.

Vision: A contented, not complacent community that contributes and works together in a responsive and proactive manner supporting a sustainable future.

Mission: As a democratically elected and motivated Council to openly facilitate and create communication and action to improve quality of life and environmental benefit for the community of Fownhope parish and surrounding area.

The Parish Council will seek to engage with all residents, children, local businesses, St Marys Primary School, and the diverse range of clubs and organisations that the village and surrounding area supports.

Provision of Information

All information that allows residents to fully understand the work of the Parish Council will be available either on the website (www.parishcouncil.fownhope.org.uk), notice boards or on request to the Clerk of the Council.

- Approved minutes and agendas are available on the notice board next to West End Stores.
- Draft minutes, agendas and all policies and publications are available on the website
- Financial information including budgets, income and expenditure, and Financial Regulations are available on the website
- The Annual Report will be published by the 30th June every year and will be available to download from the website.
- A brief report from each Parish Council meeting and contacts details of the Clerk are published in each edition of 'The Flag'.

Opportunities for Community Involvement

The Parish Council welcomes attendance at each monthly meeting and sets aside time for the public to raise items of concern or comment on items being discussed.

An Annual Parish Meeting is organised where residents can discuss topics of interest, this information is relayed to the Parish Council for consideration.

As new initiatives arise the Parish Council will endeavour to consult with the community either through monthly Parish Council meetings, public meetings or surveys.

Specifically, the Parish Council is commencing a new Community-Led Plan and will seek the support of the community through consultation and preparation of the plan.

Formal representations received by the Parish Council will be considered at the next available Parish Council meeting. Feedback will be given to residents concerned.

Involvement in Partnerships

The Parish Council has formal partnership working arrangements with Herefordshire Council and Amey Herefordshire for maintenance of Public Rights of Way, minor highway maintenance and winter gritting.

Fownhope Recreational Field Association (FRFA) has a management arrangement with the Parish Council to look after the running of the Recreation Field, which the Parish Council own.

The Parish Council has an interest in Fownhope Memorial Hall and appoints a representative to the Management Committee annually.

The role of councillors and the Clerk

Contact details for all 12 Councillors are available on the notice boards and website. Councillors will happily discuss problems with residents, though it is requested that formal issues are made in writing to the Clerk, either electronically or in hard copy. The Clerk's contact details are available on the website, notice boards and in the Flag.