

5 Year Plan Target/Action points that were drawn from the village survey and run alongside the Golden Thread and Action Plan.

1. INTRODUCTION

Fairlight Parish Council's (FPC) last Parish Plan was published in 2006 and was intended as a four-year plan. With that in mind, the Parish Council sanctioned a survey to find out from the residents of Fairlight, the key issues, highlighted by residents, that would drive the work of FPC for the period of the plan. It covered roads, transport and traffic, housing, recreation, social and community, environment and commercial development.

This Five-Year Plan has been produced as a statement of Fairlight Village Parish Council's vision, values, objectives and key priorities for Fairlight. The aim is to provide Fairlight residents with a clear insight of what the Parish Council is trying to achieve and its delivery. The Plan will identify what the Parish Council plans to focus on for the next five years and will be used as a guide each year to set the budget for the next financial year.

2. METHODOLOGY

New Councillors joined the Parish Council in May 2019 and felt that a five-year plan steering group should be formed to agree the content of a survey to drive the next Five-Year Plan. Questions on how people felt about living in the Parish, as well as about housing, services, dogs, crime prevention, cars and speed limits, road hazards, businesses in the parish, transport, parish information, parish facilities, leisure activities, tourism, young people's involvement, activities and clubs that people would like to see for both young and the not so young were asked.

The questions were generally multiple choice with the opportunity for free text comments.

This survey was delivered to all the properties in Fairlight in hard copy, as there was not one individual type of media that we could ensure would cover sufficient properties.

The survey was advertised through the Village Store, the Fairlight Resident's Association email system, Facebook and banners were placed at the entrance to the village and at the Village Hall. There were also two drop-in afternoons in October for residents who would like help with filling in the survey.

3. VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is for Fairlight Parish Council and the local Community to work together to protect and improve the social, recreational and environmental well-being of Fairlight. Also, the lives of all who live, visit and work here.

This Plan will be a live, ongoing and updated document that sets out what the Parish Council believes they can achieve by directly involving the residents.

4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 To be a strong voice of the community and represent their views.

How do we do it now?

Communicate - via the current website of the Fairlight Residents Association (FRA), FRA email system, noticeboards, bus stops, word of mouth, Fairlight magazine, Hastings & Rye Observer, the Post Office, telegraph poles and private notice boards.

Action

- To listen **Always**
- To launch a new Parish Council website **Done**
- To provide Councillors and the Clerk with new Parish Council emails addresses **Done**
- To launch a Facebook page **Done**
- To continue using all the above means to communicate **Regularly updated**
- To provide a newsletter **Done monthly**
- To convey the communities views, needs and aspirations to the appropriate statutory body or non-governing bodies. **Regularly done**

4.2 To engage with the Community and support the work of the village, voluntary organisations, clubs and groups.

How?

- Questionnaire/Survey
- Open days to assist the community in filling in the questionnaire and other issues.

Who?

- Young and not so young residents
- Clubs, groups, societies, organisations, agencies and individuals.

Action

- To publish the Actions of the survey on FRA email system, notice boards, bus stops, word of mouth, Fairlight magazine, Hastings & Rye Observer, the Post Office, telegraph poles and private noticeboards **All done as and when required**
- To encourage the Community to come to the PC meetings and HAVE THEIR SAY **Encourage**
- To provide a public forum at every council meeting. **Done**

4.3 To maintain the health and well-being of all residents in Fairlight.

Action

- To explore the provision of a monthly drop-in cafe **Faircomm to positively introduce. But he use of the village hall in the meetime.**
- To publicise and support sports activities **Walking football and Hastings Athletic FC to use Woodfield from September**
- To publicise and support exercise/fitness organisations **Regular sessions by zumba**
- To explore transportation facilities and requirements. **Currently being looked at but mindfull of insurance regulations**

4.4 To provide planning information and notification.

Action

- To continue to provide a Planning Committee to review and comment on applications
Monthly planning meetings
- To advise on current development sites - Wakehams Farm, The Cove Public House, Market Garden Site and other future applications **Information on website to provide enforcement notices and current update on what's happening**
- To monitor Tree Preservation Orders. **Carried out regularly**

4.5 To highlight environmental issues and local concerns.

- Proposed solar panel array in Hastings Country Park
- Wood Field Recreation Ground usage **On going with sports activities and keep fit**
- Wood Field Children's Play Area **Grant applied for new items**
- Knowle Wood woodland management and usage **LMG, PC and new working party**
- Use of Parish Council assets including bus shelters, notice boards **Caretaker on board**
- Road traffic management
- Parking in the village **PCSO notified and monitoring**
- Speed limits and other highway issues. **Speed Watch and PCSO notified**

Action

- To aim to increase a Police presence in the village **PCSO notified when required. CCTV**
- To ensure Councillors are aware of issues within the community using working groups and volunteers **Ongoing**
- To provide information on current FRA website, FRA email systems, noticeboards, bus stops, word of mouth, Fairlight magazine, Hastings & Rye Observer, the Post Office, telegraph poles, private notice boards, new Parish Council website and Facebook page.
Ongoing as and when required

4.6 To maintaining existing public recreation spaces, buildings and equipment including litter bins and dog bins.

Action

- To continue to provide a Land Management Group to oversee day-to-day maintenance
- To regularly check condition of all facilities and carry-out risk assessments annually.
Ongoing

4.7 To be well managed, providing sound governance and financial management.

Action

- To ensure Councillors and Clerk/RFO have the opportunity to attend high level training with annual reviews to provide the best possible service to the community as agreed by PC/Chair **Ongoing**
- To carry out annual risk assessments and act on findings **Ongoing**
- To review all policies and procedures on an annual basis **Ongoing**
- To adhere to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and continue to provide accurate financial records and audited accounts. **Ongoing**

4.8 To work in partnership with external statutory and non-statutory bodies.

- East Sussex County Council and Rother District Council **Ongoing**
- Other Parish Councils **Ongoing**

- Charities and voluntary organisations **Ongoing**
- Agencies and contractors employed by the Parish Council **Ongoing**.