



HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL



Action Plan

2024/25

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1. Introduction

Parishes are the smallest areas of civil administration in England and provide the statutory tier of local government closest to the people. Parish Councils are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent.

Parish Councils have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters. They also have the power to raise money through taxation, the precept, which is the parish council's share of the council tax.

Councillors have considered the aims of the council for the year ahead and produced a summarised Action Plan which details the key objectives it hopes to achieve during the year, in addition to our overall statutory responsibilities. This is a working document and subject to change to meet developing circumstances.

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Specific projects for the year 2024/25

1. Promote the development of Affordable Housing, particularly on the Millfields site
2. Monitor road traffic accidents in Hempnall and, with NCC Highways, implement as appropriate measures to reduce
3. Introduce and maintain measures to reduce speeding traffic in the village
4. Obtain recognition of Nobb's Lane spur as a footpath
5. Continue to provide dog bins and encourage parishioners to report owners who do not clear up their pet's mess
6. Take action to ensure the footpaths are maintained to a suitable level by providing extra cuts in addition to NCC cuts
7. Identify sites for re-wilding and/or roadside nature reserves
8. Lobby for better flood protection by encouraging implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hempnall Natural Flood Management scoping report
9. Press Norfolk County Council for responses to improvement enquiries re:
 - Road repairs
 - Roberts Close / The Street footpath safety
 - Parking on the road on the corner of The Street near Broaden Lane
 - Ability of the parish council to undertake work on roads
 - Alburgh Rd / B1527 road resurfacing
 - Road Calming/signage for The Krons & Fairstead Lane
 - Completion of footpath works for the 20/30 MPH sign on The Street
10. Enter into negotiations with landowners for rewilding other areas in the village
11. Follow up various planning enforcement issues at:
 - Caravan encampment at Spring Wood
 - Villa Farm – Harvey Lane Garage
 - European Trade Centre
 - Reinstatement of Willow Drive southern boundary hedge
12. Replace streetlights with timed LEDs
13. Hardcore footpath 9 at its lowest, wettest point
14. Liaise with Hempnall Primary School re rewilding.
15. Explore supporting the Slow Ways national walking network
16. Add an extra accessible bench to the play area

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Continue to:

1. To listen to and act on local issues protecting and promoting local interests including local countryside
2. Respond appropriately to parishioners concerns and needs
3. Set a precept suitable to carry out the council's duties and respond to parishioners needs
4. Review planning applications and wider planning objectives in line with agreed policies
5. Maintain the playing field for the enjoyment of all
6. Maintain the closed Hempnall churchyard
7. Provide and maintain street lighting in Roland Drive
8. Provide and maintain the bus shelter
9. Provision and maintenance of safe play areas
10. Encourage conservation
11. Provide Tree Wardens
12. Maintain of the War Memorial
13. Liaise with other authorities re footpaths, roads, hedges, dogs, traffic, noise and promote potential new footpaths.
14. Provide and maintain dog, litter and salt bins
15. Have representation on local charities, sporting and social committees.
16. Provide good stewardship of public land
17. Make and uphold local bye-laws
18. Liaise effectively with the police on community matters
19. Maintain good financial records (Audited annually)
20. Inform other authorities of local needs
21. Provide and maintain street furniture
22. Regularly inspect the Recycling Centre
23. Provision of grants/funding for village improvements
24. Provide litter clearance
25. Retain the foundation status of the Local Council Award Scheme
26. Communicate regularly with parishioners
27. Comply with the GDPR
28. Promoting public transport
29. Maintenance of the defibrillator(s)
30. Encourage greater use of the playing field area