

# Cherry Burton Parish Council

## Agreed Plan for 2021/22

### Overall Aim

Cherry Burton Parish Council aims to maintain and improve residents' quality of life by effectively acting in and representing our community's best interests, along with supporting community based activities and initiatives, whilst operating within agreed budgets and complying with current legislation and guidance.

### Key Objectives

1. To prepare 2021/22 plan, along with supporting budget and resultant precept.
2. To ensure that the village infrastructure and key facilities are maintained and enhanced to deliver our community's existing requirements and possible future needs.
3. To ensure Parish Councillors are trained, well briefed and empowered to enable them to act in and represent the best interests of our community, including in planning and any other consultations affecting the village.
4. To ensure our Parish Council is 'fit for purpose' by initially working towards the Foundation Standard of the Local Council Award Scheme but using this as a stepping stone to further improvement levels along the Award Scheme system.

### Planned Actions

1. To prepare 2021/22 plan, along with supporting budget and resultant precept
  - i. Formulate and agree 2021/22 Council Plan.
  - ii. Agree 2021/22 budget.
  - iii. Calculate the 2021/21 precept.
  - iv. Monitor actual spend year to date, against the annual budget, on a quarterly basis (July, October, January and April meetings).

2. To ensure that key village infrastructure and facilities are maintained and enhanced to meet both our community's existing requirements along with possible future needs.
  - i. Ensure general maintenance and repairs are carried out in 'open spaces' throughout our village, including supporting the ERYC biannual 'street scene' inspection. Specific projects identified include:
    - The Etton Trod.
    - Dog walking field.
    - Allotment area.
  - ii. Prepare development plans for grant driven investments into:
    - Maintenance and upgrades to the playground on the village green.
    - Sports field pavilion, lounge and kitchen refurbishment.
    - New woodland walk.
    - Maintenance and upgrade of the tennis courts.
    - The Bishop Burton Road Trod.
  - iii. Maintenance of both the sports field and the pavilion.
  - iv. Maintain and develop the village pond (including the painting of the village pond fence and the erection of a boundary between the pond and the adjacent property).
  - v. Satisfactorily resolve major issues with both flooding and sewerage within our village, ahead of any further planned building developments.
3. To act in and represent the best interests of our community (including planning and consultations).
  - i. Identify and carry out appropriate training to ensure all Parish Councillors are capable of fulfilling their roles and representing the best interests of our community.
  - ii. Implement our community engagement strategy, to actively consult and engage with our local community.
  - iii. Fully participate in all planning applications.

- iv. To publicise the new Parish Council grants and donation policy to encourage self help and support within the community.
  - v. To carry out a consultation on the use / spending of the Mast money.
4. To ensure our Parish Council is 'fit for purpose' by continuing to work towards achieving the Foundation Standard of the Local Council Award Scheme.
- i. We have registered our intention to apply for the Foundation Award.
  - ii. Having identified the planning gap, resolve any outstanding actions.
  - iii. Ensure all the required documents, information and conditions are in place for submission to the panel and that there is a documentation review process in place for the PC to ensure ongoing topicality and adherence to upcoming standards.
  - iv. Carry out a gap analysis to repeat the above to achieve the next level of Quality Award when the Foundation Award has been achieved.