

NEWTON KYME CUM TOULSTON PARISH COUNCIL
3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 - 2023

Introduction

This plan, considered and approved by the Parish Council provides an outline of the main issues and objectives to be addressed for the period stated above.

In 2017 the Parish Council set out their first 3 year plan. The main priorities set out in 2017 focused on:

1. Governance and Administration – to ensure the Council was fully prepared for changes in legislation and had processes in place to meet compliance standards.
2. The development of a robust financial plan to identify expenditure requirements
3. The identification of 3 main projects:
 - Transfer of former Village Hall land to the council to be held as an asset for the Parish
 - To establish the responsibilities for the maintenance of the new viaduct and Cycleway (liaison with Selby DC, Sustrans, and Southbank developer).
 - The need for future Flood Defences
4. Southbank development – liaison with the developer and Selby District Council (DC) to ensure completion met planning specifications; and to welcome new residents into the wider village community.
5. Transparency and Communications – To meet the requirements of the Transparency and Financial Regulations and to support this by developing a new website.

What we have achieved

1. **Governance and Administration** – A complete review of all Council policies; processes in place to comply with new General Data Protection Regulations, and Transparency and Financial Regulations.
2. **Financial Plan** – Review of expenditure and identification of projects led to a substantial increase in the precept. The plan was communicated to all residents in December 2017 and was readily available on the website.
3. **Transfer of Village Hall land to the Council**– this has been a long term objective of the Council and every effort has been made to finalise the transfer of the land to the Council in the 2019/2020 financial year. The land will be held as an asset for the village and there will be a consultation exercise with residents to identify options for its future use.
4. **Maintenance of the Viaduct and Cycleway** – the management company for Southbank will have responsibility for the maintenance of the viaduct and cycleway. Sustrans are working to link the cycleway into the National Cycleway Route 67 which will then link in with Route 65 to Tadcaster.
5. **Future Flood Defences** – Following the floods in December 2015 the council provided financial and administrative support to the village flood group to identify enhancements to the general flood defences and drainage within the village. Most costs were met by affected householders and a land owner.
6. **Southbank development** – The Council has supported residents' by raising their concerns with the completion of the development with the developer and Selby Council, and co-ordinating the feedback to residents. The Council has also opened discussions with the Highways Department to improve road safety through the village.

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7. **Communications** – Communications improved with the development of a new website in March 2019 and ongoing liaison with village communication links.

Going Forward

The main priorities will be:

1. Governance and Administration – to continue to have robust processes in place to meet legislative requirements.
2. To continue to maintain a robust financial plan to identify expenditure requirements
3. Following the transfer of the former Village Hall land, in due course to consult with residents to identify future options for the use of the land.
4. Viaduct and Cycleway – to continue liaison with the Southbank management company and Sustrans on the ongoing development and maintenance..
5. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Following the allocation of CIL funds by Selby DC, and a consultation exercise with residents in the summer of 2019, a list of local priorities will be developed by the Council. A final decision on the spending of the fund is expected in 2020.
6. Highways Improvement of Road Safety – continue to liaise with Highways Department to improve road safety. The Council will consider the allocation of resources for Vehicle Activated Signs.
7. Southbank development – to continue liaison with the developer, management company, and Selby DC to ensure completion met planning specifications.
8. To continue to ensure we consult with residents on issues of importance to the community and communicate effectively through the website and local network groups.

Resources

We are a financially healthy council and have made good progress in identifying and addressing the financial challenges within the community. We have maintained the Precept set in 2018/2019 at £10,000.00 and we will continue to carefully monitor and review our plans to keep any increase in the Precept to a minimum.

More information on the Financial Plan can be seen at:
www.newtonkymecumtoulstonparishcouncil.co.uk