



# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL



## Action Plan

# 2022/23

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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 2022/23**

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. Encourage greater use of and develop the playing field area
6. Continue to provide dog bins and encourage parishioners to report owners who do not clear up their pet's mess
7. Take action to ensure the footpaths are maintained to a suitable level
8. Identify sites for re-wilding and/or roadside nature reserves
9. Lobby for better flood protection by encouraging implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hempnall Natural Flood Management scoping report
10. 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
  - B1527 Declassification
  - Lower speed limit on Alburgh Road
11. Press SNC for responses on:
  - Tree Preservation orders for Playing Field
12. Erect the Pandemic Commemorative Plaque
13. Repair the telephone box
14. Replace the parish council notice board
15. Lobby for better bus route to Norwich
16. To enhance the defibrillator provision in the village

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## Continue to:

1. To listen to and act on local issues protecting and promoting local interests
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.
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)