

STALMINE WITH STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Introduction

Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council has developed a community engagement strategy which aims to set a standard for engagement with residents.

It recognises that it must provide services which reflect the needs of its residents and which endeavour to improve the quality of life. It aims to give local people a voice in the process of taking decisions which affect the community.

The Parish Council believes that residents must be involved in decisions affecting them and have regard to the future development of the parish.

Aims

To work more closely with residents, community groups and businesses

To be inclusive in engaging with as many people as possible

To actively encourage residents' involvement

To listen to views and have regard to them in enhancing services

To raise the profile of the Parish Council

Objectives

To improve communication to reach as many people as possible

To inform residents of the role of Parish Councillors

To enhance the well being of the parish

How this will be achieved

Communication

The Parish Council will make an active and regular contribution to the Over Wyre Focus after each meeting, including topical articles, items for information concerning local government generally and items for consultation.

The Parish Council Website will be developed/updated regularly and will contain Agendas, Minutes, Parish Council information documents and other village information as required.

The notice board will be used to display the agenda for each meeting as well as other information for public attention.

Information leaflets will be produced as required and will be available locally.

Meetings are open to the public with a public participation session at the beginning which gives residents the opportunity to raise issues relating to items on the agenda.

The names and contact details of councillors and the Clerk are displayed on the website and at the end of each monthly article in the Over Wyre Focus. This enables residents to bring items to the Council's attention.

Consultation

Consultation on important issues will be key in obtaining precise information and views and will be undertaken by questionnaires in the newsletter, on the website and by approaching local organisations

Consultation will be as inclusive as possible and will seek to consult everyone including minority groups

Support

To support local organisations and engage with them in meeting their own targets and aims

To support local projects and participate in local events to raise awareness of the Parish Council and its aims

Partnership

Partnership with local organisations will ensure appropriate and acceptable outcomes

Partnership will further the aims of the council to improve the environment and the quality of life for all residents

Partnership will raise the profile of the Parish Council and its work

Partnership with Borough and County Council and Councillors will enhance the service the Parish Council are able to provide

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