

# **Stansfield Parish Council**

## **Community Engagement Policy**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Stansfield Parish Council sets out below the Community Engagement Strategy which outlines the councils aim to engage with its residents and other organisations. This document will be updated and reviewed continuously to improve community engagement. The Parish Council recognises that the service it provides must reflect the needs and aspirations of the community. The Parish Council believes the residents should be involved in decision making and shaping the future of the parish.

### **2. ENGAGEMENT**

Stansfield Parish Council will endeavour to engage with our community, which includes residents, other local organisations, voluntary groups and partners within the parish, by taking the following actions:

- Will inform, consult and involve others.
- Will engage with all Local organisations.
- Will ensure it takes into account views expressed by others who wish to improve services, the environment and quality of life for all those who live, work or visit the Parish

### **3. STRATEGY OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this strategy are:

- To be proactive.
- To actively support and encourage local groups
- To respond to the changing demography and needs of our community
- To partner with local organisations to enhance the environment in which we live.

### **4. COMMUNICATION**

The Council will consult and inform the public utilising the following communication methods:

- The Parish Council web-site ([www.stansfieldparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.stansfieldparishcouncil.co.uk)) will provide up to date information on Parish Council meetings, events and publication scheme.
- The Parish Councils social media account will be updated as and when required, highlighting items of newsworthy information.
- Meetings of the Council will be open to the public and the public will be encouraged to attend to engage with Councillors. An agenda item for each meeting will allow the public to address the meeting.

- The Annual Parish meeting provides local groups and residents with the opportunity to share their views, plans and aspirations with the Parish Council and the community.
- Being proactive and participating in local events will raise the awareness of the Council and its aims and objectives.

**5. WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY** Working together to carry out agreed action plans will engage the community and assist the Parish Council to enhance the health and wellbeing of Parish residents.

## **6. EVALUATING SUCCESS**

The Community Engagement strategy will be reviewed formally on an annual basis by the Parish Council.