

GREAT NESS AND LITTLE NESS PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN APRIL 24 TO MARCH 25

A Business Plan for 2024 – 2029 was adopted in x which included the principles of the Council’s aims and objectives. The Council monitors progress of the Business Plan through an Annual Action Plan. It is a ‘live’ document which the Parish Council updates on a regular basis, enabling the Council to track and monitor progress against the objective and timescale. The Action Plan is publicly available, so residents can also monitor progress. To ensure the Action Plan truly represents the Parish’s best interests, the Parish Council will invite the local community to participate in its development. The Action Plan will continue to be the main way of telling you what we are doing to meet the needs of the community. It is a two-way conversation. Please tell us what you think about it. We welcome your comments. If you require any further information that would help you understand what we are trying to achieve, please let us know. We can also provide additional information on the issues raised in the Plan.

The numbering in the Action Plan is cross referenced to the Business Plan so where there is a gap in numbering that is because that action is not scheduled for the current year. Please note costs and timescales are estimates and may be subject to change.

Theme A Community Engagement

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING	PROGRESS
A1. To support and work with Nesscliffe Village Hall and Little Ness Village Hall regarding the maintenance and development of facilities for the benefit of parishioners.	A1.1 Work with Village Hall Management Committees to apply for external grants and CIL to upgrade the facilities (detailed action plan to list each hall’s projects)	O	YES – CIL (NF)	HIGH
	A1.2 Ensure Council engages with the Hall Committees and identify where Council assistance could be used	O	NO	
A2. To investigate need for new facilities to promote social interaction, sport and leisure.	A2.1 Consult with the community to identify any evidence of demand and interest and pursue if supported and feasible	S	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
A3. To support existing community groups and work with existing communities and new housing developments to become part of the same ‘community’.	A3.1 Work with Shropshire Council, community groups and other appropriate bodies to promote activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remembrance- Social Care Service- Samaritans- Mobile Library- Food Bank- Time capsule	O	NO	
A4. To consult with the community to identify local needs and views which can be addressed by constructive council action.	A4.1 Review Community Engagement Policy and methods	O	NO	
	A4.2 Start community engagement activity and monitor impact	O	YES	

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A5. To reduce crime and to help parishioners and businesses feel better protected against crime.	A5.1 Work in conjunction with the police and other services to promote the various ‘Alert’ and ‘Watch’ services, and the Police Community Charter, including inviting Neighbourhood Team to meetings	O	NO	
	A6.1 Promote existing bus services and lobby for their maintenance and improvement	O/M	NO	
	A6.2 Work with Shropshire Council to ensure full access is maintained-to key services and infrastructure	O	UNKNOWN	
	A6.3 Work with local groups such as Bridleways Association	O	NO	

Theme B Infrastructure, including Highways and Utilities

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING REQUIRED?	PROGRESS
B5. To address highways concerns of residents and businesses and seek solutions	B5.1 Liaise with SC re planned highways maintenance	O	NO	
	B5.2 Liaise with SC re re-surfacing plans and winter gritting	O	NO	
	B5.3 Forward complaints to Highways	O	NO	
B6. To seek solutions to speeding traffic	B6.1 Report specific incidents to police and SC	O	NO	
	B6.2 Maintain and monitor effects of traffic calming measures installed -VAS, gateways, crossings	O	YES – if any modifications needed and for maintenance (such as cleaning signs)	
	B6.3 Seek mobile police speed enforcement and speed camera van	S	NO	
	B6.4 Install gateways in Little Ness and advised speed limit	S	YES- CIL NF	
	B6.6 Great Ness -gateway – modify gateways wording and add advised speed limit	S	YES – CIL NF	
B7. To keep roads and lanes clean for the enjoyment of parishioners and visitors.	B7.1 Keeping pathways clear on key walking routes. Signpost reporting of problem areas of dog fouling to Dog Warden.	O	YES - EMG	
	B7.2 Install dog poo bag holders and bags	O	YES – PRECEPT (to buy replacement dog bags). £50 per annum	Bag holders installed.
	B7.3 Encourage parishioners to report incidents of littering and fly-tipping to Shropshire Council	O	NO	
	B7.4 Publicise enforcement penalties	O	NO	
	B7.5 Work with community groups, such as Great Mess to Little Mess to carry out litter picks.	O	NO	
	B7.6 Monitor SC waste collections and ensure waste collected regularly from key public sites like cemetery, playing field. Keep community informed of changes to waste collection arrangements.	O	NO	
	B7.7 Problem spots – liaise with landowners	O	NO	

Theme C Economic Opportunities

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING REQUIRED?	PROGRESS
C1. To improve coordination between Parish businesses and Parish Council.	C1.1 Engage with local businesses to understand their needs and identify opportunities	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
C2. To encourage economic development.	C2.1 Work with Shropshire Council, businesses and other partners to encourage suitable opportunities	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	

Theme D Housing

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING REQUIRED?	PROGRESS
D1. To continue to comment on all key strategic planning documents and consultations that affect the Parish ensuring the Parish Council's knowledge and understanding of the local context is considered in decisions.	D1.1 Work with Shropshire Council and other partners to ensure documents and consultations are fully understood and communicated effectively to the community.	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
	D1.2 Residents are consulted to ensure parishioners' views are known.	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
	D1.3. Communicate to residents to encourage them to respond through the most effective channels	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
D2. To influence and challenge stakeholder organisations appropriately to steer new housing is in right locations and meets local needs	D2.1 Nesscliffe = focal point, other areas reverting to Open Countryside – continue to support this approach via Local Plan Review and comments on planning applications	O	NO	
	D2.2 Use existing housing needs data and monitor housing needs – work with SC to do so?	O	NO	
	D2.3 Work with housing associations to manage their assets in the area e.g., the garages area, publicising tenancies that become available so attract local people?	O	NO	

Theme E Health & Education

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING	PROGRESS
E1. Community emergency healthcare access	E1.1 Maintain community defibrillators	O	YES FOR MAINTENANCE AND SPARE PARTS - £250 per annum from precept	
E2. Promote improvements to health and social care services	E2.1 Liaise with the relevant statutory and voluntary bodies, groups and agencies to ensure health and social care services meet residents’ needs and expectations.	O	NO	HIGH

Theme F Environment

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING REQUIRED?	PROGRESS
F1. To lead the community on issues related to the environment and climate change	F1.1 Work with local groups including Great Mess to Little Mess and Bridleways Association	O with delivery of key outputs M/L	UNKNOWN – grants may be requested on occasions	
F2. Work with Shropshire Council to improve Nesscliffe Country Park so it is accessible to all and well-maintained	F2.1 Work with Shropshire Council to develop a strategic plan and management plan. Key improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Drainage • Parking • Fencing • Path surfaces • Rocky Rd bridleway • Visitor management / services 	S/M	YES -CIL LOCAL, CIL NF, GRANTS. SC WILL HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING AS ITS THEIR ASSET	
	F2.2 Report to Shropshire Council issues of maintenance and monitor repairs.	O	NO	
	F2.3 Work with Country Parks team on the felling/tree management plan, ensuring community kept informed	O	NO	
	F2.4 Support and celebrate the heritage aspects of the hill?	S/M	UNKNOWN	

Theme G Parish Council Governance

OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	TIMESCALE	FUNDING	PROGRESS
G1. To improve communication between the Parish Council and residents and businesses	G1.1 Develop and deliver new website	O	PRECEPT - £1,500 to set up new website.. Annual maintenance cost tbc	
	G1.2 Publish a regular Parish newsletter three times a year	O	PRECEPT - £300	
	G1.3 Use of social media effectively	S	NO	
	G1.4 Produce and publish Annual Report	S	PRECEPT (£100)	
	G1.5 Engage with local people	O	£1,000 CONSULTATION BUDGET FOR 24-25 (PRECEPT)	
	G1.6 Accessible meetings with hearing loops	O	NO – halls will install but may ask for grants	
G2. To improve effectiveness of Parish Council	G2.1 Provide training for Councillors and Clerk as needed	O	PRECEPT - £250	
	G2.3 Carry out performance review of Council and Clerk	O	NO	
G3. To ensure Council delivers value for money	G3.1 Regular review of expenditure against Budget	O	NO	
G4. To increase influence / coordination in matters that impact on Parish	G4.1 Invite representatives of outside agencies to address the Council on key matters of interest (both to Council meetings and round table discussions)	O	NO	
	G4.2 Appoint representatives to appropriate external agencies and committees	O	NO	
	G4.3 Attend relevant conferences and meetings	O	PRECEPT – to cover out of pocket expenses if required	
G5. To ensure Council's assets are adequately maintained	G5.1 Annual asset review and implement recommendations.	O	PRECEPT – required to implement asset maintenance. Budget tbc – key works are war memorial wall – estimate £500	
G6. To deliver a fair and effective discretionary grant scheme	G6.1 Set up Community Grant Scheme with award criteria and policy.	S	PRECEPT – council to set annual budget	
G7. To ensure in a diverse and rural parish, local solutions to emergencies are in place to support county and national plans.	G7.1 Publicise and periodically review local community emergency plan	M	UNKNOWN – depends on if paid support is needed	
G8. To recognise individual identities of different	G8.1. Consult with residents re their views on this	M	YES	

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communities, whilst cohesively being two joined parishes	G8.2. Joint Annual Parish Meeting – celebrate differences and similarities within the parish	O	PRECEPT - £75 budget for food/drink/room hire	
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