

GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2015-18

INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the primary objectives of Great Barton Parish Council for the period of 2015-18, working on behalf of the community, residents, organisations and institutions of the parish of Great Barton.

It represents a set of aspirations rather than a set of commitments. Some of the objectives require the support, approval or co-operation of third parties and / or other public service organisations and are therefore not entirely within the control of the Parish Council itself.

Objectives are listed under 3 separate themes:

- i) Protecting and Developing our Community
- ii) Improving our Local Infrastructure
- iii) Creating and Developing Local Facilities

The list does not include the current “business as usual” activities of the Council, such as:

- reviewing planning applications
- communications (Parish Newsletter, web-site, Facebook page etc.)
- emptying of dog / litter bins
- managing the Council’s Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)
- dispensing specific grants to local organisations
- reporting issues of local concern to other public bodies (e.g. potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective street lights)

The Council objectives will be reviewed annually and progress reported at the Annual Parish Meeting each April.

The Council welcomes proposals for new objectives at any time which may be considered and / or adopted by the Council.

MONITORING and CONTROL

Version 1.0	Presented to Parish Council Meeting, July 2015
Version 2.0	Agreed at Parish Council meeting September 2016 (amendments made)

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1) PROTECTING and DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY

We will:

- i. Create a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Great Barton
- ii. Work with Suffolk County Council and other partners to create a successful master-plan for the development of “The Triangle”
- iii. Actively represent the community in negotiation with St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Berkeley Homes to ensure the best possible outcome for ‘Barton Severalls’ now a ward of the Parish.
- iv. Oppose the proposal to create a West Suffolk Operational Hub on land at Hollow Road Farm Application opposed by the Parish Council but approved by the Secretary of State in 2018. Continue liaising with St Edmundsbury Borough Council and developers on a West Suffolk Operational Hub through the Community Liaison Group (CLG).
- v. Support efforts to install a vehicle weight restriction on Fornham Road

2) IMPROVING OUR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We will:

- i. Work to install a second pedestrian crossing on the A143 to provide a better link between village facilities and residents situated on opposite sides of this road
- ii. Work to install a pedestrian crossing facility on Mill Road to provide a safer link between Great Barton Free Church and the rest of the village
- iii. Complete the pedestrian link between School Lane and Downing Drive
- iv. Work to create a new footpath linking School Road to the A143 running behind Elms Farm
- v. Work to create a new footpath linking Cox Lane to Icepits Wood running alongside the southbound carriageway of the A143
- vi. Seek devolution of the Suffolk County Council highway maintenance budget for the area, enabling the Parish Council to determine and respond better to local priorities
- vii. Work with the primary school to widen the footpath along the frontage of the school and lengthen the paved area of the footpath – this project was postponed indefinitely due to financial reasons.

3) CREATING and DEVELOPING LOCAL FACILITIES

We will:

- i. Create a Woodland Management Plan for Icepits Wood which aims to achieve maximum benefit for all users in the community
- ii. Identify a suitable site for the installation of an all-weather multi-use games area (MUGA) for local youngsters – This could be put on hold until we have a full complement of Councillors?
- iii. Organise one community “litter pick” when identified.
- iv. Install one-way “directional” signage at the entrance to Elms Close to improve safe access to Great Barton Village Hall – Completed 2016
- v. Install a joint Parish Council and school notice board outside the school – Completed June 2016.

- vi. Restore the old village sign and display it in the Village Hall – completed 2017.
- vii. Investigate the validity of a second VAS unit, as visits to each site is too infrequent – Completed 2018, second Vehicle Activated Sign unit purchased.