

# Deanshanger Parish Council

## 5 Year Plan

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This is a working document and will be updated, amended and reviewed bi-annually.

# Action Plan 2021-2025

## VISION

To make the village the best it can be, for all residents, to live and work

## MISSION

Strive to understand the needs of the residents and organisations within the parish, respect their views, seek to address these needs within the resources and powers available, always for the majority.

**MISSION POSSIBLE** Communicate in a positive, transparent and cordial manner through all media available, encouraging residents to engage with life in the village and the decisions that affect it

**MISSION POSSIBLE** Strive to provide best value for money and high-quality services and facilities where they are within our remit and fight for the village to receive them when they are provided by others.

**MISSION POSSIBLE** Preserve, develop and support leisure and community activities and facilities, including open spaces and natural environments which are practical, affordable and desirable

**MISSION POSSIBLE** To build a sense of community, village spirit, togetherness and inclusiveness through all our actions

**MISSION POSSIBLE** Be committed to sustainable and environmentally friendly policies and actions including minimising waste, saving energy and promoting recycling.

**Progress against this Action Plan will be reviewed Bi-annually by Full Council**

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Aim 1	To improve the Parish Council's communication with the residents of Deanshanger					
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
5 Year Plan Dissemination	Share this Action Plan with residents and community groups. Undertake further consultation with the community when developing the new Five-Year Plan for 2025 - 2030.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker	
Quarterly Newsletter, Summer Events Flyer and Easter/Christmas Posters	Distribute a newsletter to all households keeping them informed of local events and news.	Ongoing	Precept		Cllr Trupia-Melluish	
	Collate summer events taking place in the village, produce and distribute a Summer Events Flyer to all households.	Ongoing		Precept	Cllr Spencer & Thompson	
	Post each newsletter and the summer events flyer on the Parish Council website and Facebook.	Ongoing	N/A		Clerk	
	Collate Christmas and Easter events taking place in the village and produce posters for Council and village social media and Noticeboards.	Ongoing	Precept		Cllr Thompson	Good Neighbours

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Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Parish Council Noticeboards	<p>Keep noticeboards up to date and relevant.</p> <p>In 2023/4 a new Noticeboard will be situated on Northfields development.</p> <p>All other noticeboards will be reviewed and refurbished as necessary to ensure that they are in reasonable condition and that each displays a notice saying what is allowed to be posted, and by whom.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>By the end of 2023</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	CIL	<p>Precept</p> <p>Precept</p>	<p>Cllrs Pereira Thompson</p> <p>Cllrs Pereira Thompson</p>	Clerk
Village Information Board/Panels	<p>Work with Deanshanger Village Heritage Society (DVHS) to populate the Canal Lane Information Panel (Canal history) and produce a Village Information Board/Panel (Village history and Map). See also Aim 4 for Village Public Footpath map.</p>	2024/5		S106/General Fund	Cllr Stevenson	Cllr Spencer
Annual Village Meeting	<p>Hold the Annual Village meeting so that it attracts more residents and helps them engage with village organisations and the Parish Council.</p>	Annually	N/A		Cllr Walker	Clerk

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Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Northfields Event	Consider holding a Village event on the Northfields (Redrow) development to help to integrate and welcome the residents into the village. This could be in conjunction with Deanshanger Village Heritage Society, linked to the Buckingham Canal Arm.	2024-5		General Fund/Grants	To be reviewed	
Parish Council Website	Ensure that the Parish Council website is a key village resource to welcome new residents and keep existing residents up to date. Website to include events, contacts, new resident information. Produce a video for the website, describing the Council's work and plans, to help residents understand and engage more with the Parish Council.	2024 and ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker (new content)	Clerk (maintain & update)
		2024 and ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker	
Parish Council social media	Keep social media channels up to date and relevant and shared on Community social media pages. The Good Neighbours Facebook (Working Party of Parish Council) will continue to be developed and maintained to encourage volunteering and community engagement. Information/posts will be shared with the Council's Facebook.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker & Clerk	
		Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker	Good Neighbours

Aim 2	To provide and support community activities, events and projects						
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Annual calendar of Parish Council Events	Develop an annual calendar of Parish Council and Good Neighbours led events and seek Council budget allocation, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Air Cinema</li> <li>• Christmas Festivities Launch (Precept)</li> <li>• Community Play Day(s)</li> <li>• Easter Hunt</li> <li>• Scarecrow Trail</li> <li>• Big Help Out (volunteering day)</li> <li>• Pride.</li> <li>• Contribution to the annual Fireworks Display (currently hosted by Sports Club).</li> </ul>	2024, then annually	For 2023 S106 Precept CIL  Grant Grants 2023	Build into the Parish Council budget	Cllr Thompson	Good Neighbours Cllr Spencer	
Community Liaison	Liaise with community groups, including the schools, to see how the Parish Council can help and support them.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Thompson	Good Neighbours	
	Consult community organisations about holding regular network meetings to share ideas and undertake joint projects where appropriate.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Thompson	Good Neighbours	

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Aim 2	To provide and support community activities, events and projects					
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
	Publicise the Parish Council's Grants scheme to village organisations.	Ongoing	N/A	General funds/ Grants	Cllr Thompson	Good Neighbours
	Offer local organisations the opportunity to have stalls at Parish Council events where appropriate.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Thompson	
	Link with Elizabeth Woodville School to have a Deanshanger Youth Voice that informs the Parish Council about the needs and ideas of its young people.	2023 to set up and then ongoing			Cllr Thompson & Cllr Stevenson	
Identify the needs of specific groups and provide or support provision	Support activities for young people either through direct funding (e.g., Community Play Days, Grants to organisations to provide services) or by linking with other organisations and funders.	Ongoing		S106/Precept/Grants	Cllr Thompson	
	Lead fundraising activity for the Youth Café.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Walker	
	Hold regular meetings with South Northants Youth Engagement team, to raise the needs of Deanshanger young people and seek to bring	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Thompson	



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Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
	additional resources and services for young people into Deanshanger. Develop a Men's Mental Health and Well-Being Group.	2023 initial start and then ongoing if needed	CIL for 2023	Consider building into budget if successful	Cllrs Collins, Mullen	Cllr Mullan & Good Neighbours	

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Aim 3	To keep our residents safe and support those residents who are in need					
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Build links with Police and secure effective response to incidents and appropriate resources	Identify a Parish Councillor to be the Police Liaison Representative (PLR) and receive regular reports at Full Council.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Rodrigo	
	Deliver a Violence Against Women and Girls Event in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.	2023	General Funds		Cllrs Thompson & Stevenson	
	Encourage Police Surgeries in the village and help to support and promote these.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllrs Thompson & Stevenson	
	Maintain links with Neighbourhood Watch via the PLR.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Rodrigo	
	Post Policing updates on the Parish Council website and Facebook and share these with community social media.		N/A		Cllr Rodrigo & Stevens	Clerk
Maintain a Good Neighbours	Continue the Good Neighbours Working Party to provide a volunteer and community engagement service in the village.	Ongoing	Precept/Grants		Cllrs Walker, Thompson, & Stevenson	

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Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Working Party							
Emergency Plan & Response Team	Increase the resilience of the community in an emergency by maintaining an Emergency Plan and identifying community procedures and resources.	Ongoing		Precept	Cllr Collins/Cllr Norgett	Cllrs Fernandez Thompson Pereira Mullan	
Support flood mitigation	<p>Work as one of the WNC's Pathfinder project areas to build community resilience.</p> <p>Work to secure funding and resources for flood mitigation through the LENS project funded by WNC/Anglian Water.</p> <p>Lobby WNC to undertake its responsibilities as lead flood authority.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Small grant awarded for 2023/24	<p>Precept for future</p> <p>External funds available</p>	Cllr Collins/Cllr Norgett	Cllrs Fernandez Thompson Pereira Mullan	
Build village capacity to handle emergencies	Continue to support the South Northants Community First Responders – increase defibrillator capacity and introduce Bleed Kits along with funding for the ongoing maintenance costs of these.	<p>2023</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Precept	S106/Precept/Grants	Cllr Spencer Clerk		

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Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Locally delivered medical facilities	Support the delivery of medical services in the village through the provision of clinics and surgeries at the Community Centre. Work with partners and funders to achieve this.	Ongoing		External funds available	Cllrs Walker/Collins	

Aim 4	To improve road safety in and around Deanshanger and support alternatives to car use through public transport and walking options						
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Parking around Deanshanger	Look at what measures are possible to relieve parking on Folly Road grass verge where this is a nuisance, develop and help implement plans.	Ongoing	DPC grant awarded 203	Grants/WNC	Cllr Rodrigo		
	Prepare a case to WNC for parking restrictions (e.g., double yellow lines) to be installed on Hayes Road (Stratford Road end) and near the Co-op.	2024		WNC/Police Fire & Crime Commissioner (PFCC) Grants	Cllr Collins		
	Support the Sports Club to implement alternative parking arrangements on football match days to relieve pressure on roads around the Sports Club.	Ongoing			Cllr Rodrigo		
	Investigate congestion and car idling issues around Deanshanger Primary School at drop-off times and work with the school and WNC to address these.	2023-4 and ongoing		WNC/PFCC	Cllr Collins		

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Aim 4	To improve road safety in and around Deanshanger and support alternatives to car use through public transport and walking options						
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Hayes Road Zebra Crossing	Continue to push WNC to install the Zebra crossing, already agreed by Highways, to help children cross from Foxholes to Jubilee Park and seek alternative if not possible.	Ongoing	WNC/Earmarked Funds		Cllr Norgett	Clerk	
Potholes and Road Condition	Continue to push WNC to respond speedily to pot-holes and to improving the condition of local roads.  Promote Fix-my-Street/Street Doctor to residents so that they are aware how issues are reported to WNC.	Ongoing  Ongoing	N/A  N/A		Highways & Planning  Highways & Planning	Clerk	
Promote the local public footpath network	Appoint Village Path Wardens and support them to report issues to WNC and promote the public footpath network to residents.  Produce or obtain a map with village public footpaths and make this available.	Ongoing  2024/5	N/A	Precept/General Fund	TBC  Cllr Walker		

Aim 4	To improve road safety in and around Deanshanger and support alternatives to car use through public transport and walking options						
Actions		Timescale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Public transport - Buses	Lobby WNC and others such as Member of Parliament for a frequent and reliable bus service.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Collins		
	Link with Britannia and WNC to make information on the bus service (timetables and fares) available to residents.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Collins		
	Link with the local Community Transport Minibus Service provider, Ability, to make information available to residents particularly those who may benefit from their door-to-door pick up option and day trips.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Collins		

Aim 5	To support developments that benefit Deanshanger and safeguard the village from any that would be detrimental					
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Consultations	Publish consultations from WNC that affect the village and respond as a Parish Council where appropriate	Ongoing	N/A		Clerk to publish Cllrs to draft responses	
Village Design Statement	Ensure the Village Design Statement is adhered to in planning applications that the Parish Council comments on and that it is then adhered to in any development that takes place (while building is underway).	Ongoing	Precept - Earmarked Funds		Chairman of Highways & Planning	Highways & Planning Committee
Future Development	Ensure that residents are made aware of any proposed, major development, encourage the community to respond and respond as a Parish Council.	Ongoing	Precept 2023	Precept/ General Fund	Full Council	Clerk
	Call upon external expertise to support the Council in responding to planning applications where required and allocate appropriate budget to fund this.	Ongoing	Precept – Earmarked Funds		Full Council	Clerk



Aim 6	To help the village respond to the Climate Emergency					
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Hold a village Environment/ Climate Emergency Event	Work with partners and interested residents to hold a conference/event that will highlight how local households can live more sustainably.	2024	N/A	Precept/ General Fund Grants	Cllr Spencer	Cllr Stevenson
	Consider forming a Working Group of residents and Councillors to take forward ideas on making the village more sustainable.	2023-4		TBC	Cllr Thompson	
	Approach the schools to engage students in environmental issues as they relate to the village including littering.	2023-4		Precept/ General Fund	Cllr Spencer	Cllr Stevenson Cllr Thompson
Bike recycling	Undertake event to collect unwanted bikes and pass onto recycling venture in Milton Keynes	2025 and every 5 years	N/A		Clerk	

Aim 6	To help the village respond to the Climate Emergency				Lead	Team
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source		
A more sustainable Council	<p>Consider Council activities to help the Council to be more environmentally friendly (e.g., street lighting upgrades when needing to be replaced, emailing instead of paper copies, taking account of supplier sustainability statements).</p> <p>Consider the phased (as need replacing), upgrading of village public bins to have separate sections for recycling items.</p> <p>Consider other schemes to support residents to recycle including the promotion of the use of food waste caddy and lobbying WNC to allow phased payments and subsidies (in line with Council Tax subsidised groups) of garden waste bin charges</p>	Ongoing		Precept/ General Fund	TBC	
		2023 and ongoing		Precept/ General Fund	Cllr Fernandez	Cllr walk round
		2023 and ongoing		Precept/ General Fund	TBC	
Alternative Energy	Investigate alternative energy sources within the village, including use of wind to put green energy back into the grid.	2023-4		Precept/ Grants	Cllrs Spencer & Cllr Collins	

Aim 7	To enhance and maintain open spaces for residents						
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team	
Sundial in Jubilee Park	Refurbish and refresh sundial and rainbow.	2023-4	S106		Cllr Spencer		
Pond in the Pocket Park	Enhance the pond in consultation with Deanshanger Environment Management Committee (DEMC).	Ongoing 2023-4	Earmarked Funds		Cllrs Spencer & Fernandez		
Play Areas and Equipment	Consider equipment for 8+ children across the village Play Parks. Subject to funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revamp the toddler park in Jubilee Park</li> <li>• Remove the damaged trim trail and install climbing equipment in Jubilee Park</li> <li>• Revamp the Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) in Jubilee Park.</li> </ul>	2023-5  2023-4 2024-5  2023-4	S106 S106 S106	General Funds-CIL	Cllr Spencer & Cllr Walker		
Open spaces safety	Weekly visual inspection of play equipment undertaken by Handyman.  Annual inspection by qualified inspectors.	Weekly  Annually	Precept  Precept		Clerk  Clerk		

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Aim 7	To enhance and maintain open spaces for residents					
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
Tree Policy	Tree survey policy and plan agreed with a review every five years and funds to be budgeted as required to undertake the works.	Ongoing		Precept	Clerk	
	Install a Coronation Tree in Jubilee Park with plaque.	2023-4	S106		Cllr Spencer	
Canal Lane Open Space	Undertake works in this area to keep the space a natural habitat but remove brambles and tidy it up.	2023-5	Earmarked Funds		Cllr Fernandez	Cllr Walkaround
Bridge Walk Open Space	Complete works required in this area and consider works required for the bridge.	2023-5	Earmarked Funds		Cllr Collins	Cllr Fernandez
Foxholes Verges	Repair the damaged verges.	2023-4		S106/ General Fund	Cllr Spencer	
Councillor Monitoring	Undertake regular Councillor Village Walks to review the fabric of the village and ensure that issues are identified and addressed. These may be themed, e.g., open spaces, play areas, state of roads and potholes.	Ongoing	N/A		Cllr Fernandez	All Cllrs invited to attend
Dog Poo Bins	Agree a schedule of repairing/replacing dog poo bins that have rusted/broken, as appropriate.	2023 ongoing		General	Cllr Fernandez	

<b>Aim 8</b>	<b>To maintain and enhance the Cemetery for visitors</b>						
<b>Actions</b>		<b>Time scale</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Potential Funding Source</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Team</b>	
Memorials	Implement a process for installing memorial plaques in the Orchard.	2024 ongoing		General Fund	Cllr Spencer		
Old Churchyard	Consider creation of a wildlife area and implement plans.	2024-5		Precept	TBC		
Cemetery Open Space	Maintain the grass area and hedging as part of the Village Maintenance agreements.	Ongoing	Precept		Chair Finance & GP	Clerk	

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Aim 9	To maintain and enhance residential areas and the entrances in Deanshanger					
Actions		Time scale	Funding Source	Potential Funding Source	Lead	Team
New entrance signs	Install new entrance signs to the village to make village boundary and speed limits clear to all and enhance the look of the village.	2024-5		General Fund	Cllr Spencer	
Stratford Road (opposite EWS) Knee Rail	Request WNC to tarmac the soil under the knee rail as planting will not. Handyman to kill weeds to tidy-up in interim.	2023 (request submitted to WNC)	N/A		Cllr Spencer	
Deanshanger in Bloom	Continue to fund and support Deanshanger in Bloom so that the volunteers can enhance the village.	Ongoing	Grant awarded will need to be reviewed when funds run out		Full Council	