

Easton on the **Hill** Parish Council

Action Plan for April 2024 to March 2025

Easton on the Hill PC is responsible for:

Allotments (1 of the 3 sites in the village); Bus Shelter; Street Lighting; Installing Dog Waste and Litter Bins; Licensing- as consultees; Maintenance of Parks, Playing Fields and Open Spaces; Planning- as consultees; Public Seating; Tourism Development; War and other Memorials; Grants to voluntary bodies.

We do this via the full council and a number of sub committees and Working Groups:

Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Playing Field Working Group, Trees and Greens Working Group, Traffic and VADs Working Group, Staffing Committee, Complaints Committee.

Our Purpose: As far as we are able, to improve the quality of life for all residents in Easton on the Hill.

Mission: Easton on the Hill Parish Council is committed to making the village a safe and pleasant place to live, work and play. It will do everything in its power to improve the local environment, facilities and amenities and serve the residents by representing their views in its decision making. Where possible and when needed It will work with and support other local groups and organisations to improve the village for all residents.

	Aim	Action	Lead person or group	Dates and milestones	Resources and support	Measure	Comments/other orgs	Status
1.	To increase Community Engagement and involvement from residents in the work of the council and issues affecting the village	To continue to hold an annual village open event. Regular communication via "What's on the Hill", noticeboards, social media, and occasional leaflet drops.	Full council – clerk to action	APM Spring annually	Welcome letter sent to all and all Stamford Estate Agents. Sept 22	Annual event held and feedback used for future plans. Attendance grows annually. Monthly article in WOTH. Facebook page monitored at least weekly.	Other village groups involved in event. Playing Field major topic. Will separate APM and PC Meeting in 2024	Annual Parish Meeting April 11 th tbc
		To continually update and develop the village website and the Parish Council Website to provide relevant and updated sources of reference,	Full council-clerk to action	Ongoing	Volunteer for village website. Clerk updates PC Website. Volunteer updates FB	Increasing visitors to websites	Welcome letter has been updated and directs residents to website	
2.	To manage and develop a PC that is respected and recognised for hard work and effectiveness.	Reminders on standards and behaviours at each meeting. Signed up to Civility and Respect Pledge. Assess training needs regularly. All councillors to attend "Off to a Flying Start" training	Full Council. Staffing Committee. NCALC training.	Ongoing	Training budget.	An effective Council with Committees and Working Groups well represented. No complaints.		All cttees functioning as per Ts and Cs.
3.	To maintain a suitable and useable access to the Playing Field.	To continue to monitor The Drift surface and related issues.	Full council Traffic Working Group	Ongoing	Council budget. NNC/Highways.	Review condition in Spring Work with PF user groups to	Some residents object	Potholes repaired in January 24.

						reduce traffic and speeds		
4.	To improve the condition of the Playing Field Car Park	Resolve area of responsibility with contractor and agree remedy	Full council	Summer 2024	Negotiated share of costs with contractor	Fit for purpose ready for winter weather		Awaiting contractor proposal
5.	To continue to monitor and maintain all council owned open spaces and improve and enhance them.	Regular working group meetings and reporting back to full council. Nature Recovery Group Meetings Tree surveys. National initiatives.	Trees and Greens working group. (TAGWG)	Ongoing	TAGWG Asset maintenance/trees budget, volunteers. Council budget. Rockingham Forest Vision supporting regular NRG Meetings to develop a Nature Recovery Plan. (NRP)	Safe trees. Replaced trees. New trees. Hedges suitably maintained. Pond area improved/maintained. Pleasant, green spaces. NRP developed by October 24	*Tree surveys regularly completed * New trees planted at Woodland area and development to be completed.	Spring Close and New Polish Memorial done Sept 23. 100 more trees planted Feb 2024 Woodland Walk (PF) plans being developed
6.		Continual developments and improvements to Playing Field, especially the Sports Pavilion	PFWG	Ongoing. Monthly PFWG meetings	PF Budget, grants, public donations. Grounds Maintenance contractor appointed	Positive feedback from users.	Major project for 2024	Agreements with WPFC and Adidda Cricket Club to share refurb costs. Partial grant successful.

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7.	To improve countryside access via footpaths and cycleways.	Liaise with NNC, neighbouring councils, and landowners.	Greenway: Village volunteer- Jo Willis. Footpaths: Cllr Woodman	Ongoing	Parish path warden training and contacts. Council budget.	Improved, well used walking routes. New paths opened.		Greenway cycle path project won feasibility grant
8.	Improve traffic management	To encourage NNC to improve road markings, signs along A43 and monitor data from MVAS	TWG				New pedestrian signs installed 2023 New MVAS installed, data analysed	Waiting on NNC/Kier for road markings
9.	Mitigate as far as possible the impact of energy price inflation on the council	Convert street lighting to LEDs and maintain all lamps	Full council	Ongoing	Capital budget for conversion and repairs	Approx 2/3 of lights converted. Capital budget required for repairs and maintenance	Yu energy contract in place More LED to be considered	
10	Establish clear ownership and registration of council land	Research with Land registry and adjacent properties	Clerk and Cllr Ian Lawson	End 2024	Staff budget (time)	Accurate and non disputed registration at Land Registry		??

