

**EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLAN
2015/2020**

The Mission of East Peckham Parish Council is:

‘To develop and sustain a sense of community within the parish of East Peckham by addressing environmental, economic and social issues and delivering quality services to our Parishioners’.

Our Strategic objectives are:

- 1. To work with the Police and other authorities to nurture a safe and lawful environment:**
 - By supporting the police in the prevention and detection of crime;
 - By working with young people wherever possible to engage them in creative activities to divert them from damaging the facilities in the parish;
 - By working to develop facilities to provide spaces for young people to gather and socialise.
 - By working with the appropriate authorities to ensure the streets and public areas are well lit and where possible designed to minimise crime and by ensuring our streetlights are maintained in a fully functional mode with repairs effected within agreed timescales;
 - By working with the appropriate authorities to ensure the footpaths are in a good state of repair and the public rights of way kept reasonably free from undergrowth;
 - By supporting people and local organisations in the introduction of traffic calming measures and other road safety initiatives in their immediate locality.

- 2. To work for the improvement of the built environment:**
 - By identifying unacceptable building proposals and registering our concerns with the planning authority prior to their formal consideration;
 - By maintaining our bus shelters and other street furniture in good order and pursuing an appropriate maintenance and renewal plan.
 - By working with the Community Policing team to detect and prosecute perpetrators of graffiti or other vandalism;
 - By working with the appropriate authorities to minimise the detrimental effects of litter in the streets and public areas.

- 3. To work with Statutory and Non – statutory Bodies seeking to improve the quality of life for parishioners:**
 - By co-operating with neighbouring parishes on issues that affect us;
 - By supporting and working with Youth Groups and Elderly Persons organisations as directed by the Council;
 - By co-operating and working with those schools our parishioners attend to improve facilities for the young in the parish.

- 4. To further develop the Jubilee Hall, playing fields and opens spaces under the parish council’s ownership to provide green open spaces and to contribute to sustaining bio-diversity within the parish:**
 - By maintaining the Playing Fields and other open spaces and by working with the various authorities and agencies to improve the natural environment and sustain bio-diversity;
 - By developing the facilities at the Playing Fields for the use of parishioners;
 - By developing and sustaining a plan for other open spaces in the parish councils ownership
 - By maintaining and improving the children’s play spaces including the replacement of play equipment on a rolling basis.

- Maintain and improve the council owned land, buildings and parish amenities, acquire as appropriate additional land or buildings
 - Continue to build financial reserves to achieve these objectives.
- 5. To improve the environment in the Parish:**
- By developing and sustaining an active footpaths policy and by working with the PROW in order to maintain our current network of footpaths in good order;
 - By identifying opportunities to open or re-open bye-ways in conjunction with PROW
- 6. To manage the affairs of the Council on an efficient and effective basis:**
- By ensuring all decisions are taken on a value for money basis;
 - By being a good employer and treating employees as valued members of the team;
 - By ensuring all legal obligations are observed and good practice followed in respect of the financial management of the Council;
 - By developing and implementing policies and procedures that ensure good governance of the Council's affairs;
 - Consult with residents and organisations to enhance the life of our community and improve our internet facilities.
 - Maintain Local Council Award Scheme Foundation status.
 - By adopting and updating appropriate financial policies including the management of reserves.

ACTION PLAN 2015 - 2020

- Consider the provision of additional storage in the Jubilee Hall
- Develop a contingency plan against for Jubilee Hall Building maintenance
- Consider the renovation of the car park area at the Jubilee Hall
- Consider improving the landscaping of the playing fields
- Review the potential for further bookings for the Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields
- Consider new facilities to the playing fields
- Consider in conjunction with the appropriate authorities facilities for the youth and elderly.
- Establish a volunteer group prepared to set up and run an East Peckham Business Forum
- Establish an East Peckham in Bloom Volunteer group
- Review and identify financial projects in order of preference and the policy for financial reserves.
- Review the potential for Affordable Housing
- Support groups and organisations whose activities enhance community life.