

Lindfield Parish Council



Draft Plan 2022-2027

Introduction

This is a statement of Lindfield Parish Council's (LPC) draft plan for Lindfield. It states our vision, aims and objectives for the period 2022-2027. It sets out what LPC does now, aims to achieve in the future, either directly or increasing its influence on the relevant delivery body, such as the District (MSDC) or County Council (WSCC).

An agreed plan for the future will enable LPC to operate in a more forward looking, consistent and coordinated way. It will also help LPC with the setting of its budgets.

The plan will be updated regularly and reported against enabling LPC to track and monitor its progress against key priorities and develop new objectives as circumstances change. Budgets and the level of co-operation will impact on delivery timescales. It is our intention that each year at the Parish Meeting the Chair will set out our current progress. Reviews of the plan will take place each year at a Full Council meeting.

Some projects can be delivered by us, others will require collaboration with outside agencies for example MSDC, WSCC etc. Some projects will be achieved in a short period of time, others may take longer depending on funding availability and external co-operation.

Vision

Support the community and ensure Lindfield continues to develop as an attractive place to live, work, visit, recognising its rich heritage and looking forward to embracing the benefits offered by environmental and technological advances.

Aims

Village environment	To maintain Lindfield as an attractive place to live, work, and visit.
Community engagement	To increase working relationships between the council and the Lindfield community. Understand and act on the needs or issues of community experiences, helping to achieve positive change. Use the most appropriate tools to share information relating to council assets & services, promoting tourism and obtaining community feedback.
Effective engagement with local authorities	Maintain and build good work relations with other local authority stakeholders.
Environment and sustainability	Recognise the threat of climate change and help the community tackle the environmental emergency at a local level.
Health and Wellbeing	Increase the health and well-being of the community.
Governance	Maintain proper arrangements to ensure that the Council's intended objectives are achieved and that it remains financially sustainable.

Village environment

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	<p>Litter picking – to continuing organising and running Village Clean Up events and seek to support volunteer litter pickers.</p> <p>Continue to work with WSCC to implement traffic calming measures in the village.</p>
Short term (2022-2023)	<p>Consider the recommendations of the Village Action Plan.</p> <p>Children’s Playground – Seek for inclusive Play Equipment to be installed in Lindfield.</p> <p>Lindfield War Memorial - To work with partners to consider applying for the War Memorial to be listed.</p>
Medium term (2024-2025)	<p>Work with MSDC & WSCC to ensure services and assets are maintained and/or undertaken to a sufficient standard.</p> <p>Install electronic bus information boards and speed indicator devices in the village.</p> <p>Undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Plan and consider village speed limits.</p> <p>Construct and operate a block of public toilets on Lindfield Common that includes a changing places facilities.</p> <p>Consider existing Festive Lighting scheme and explore potential alternatives.</p>
Longer term (2026-2027)	<p>Undertake refurbishment of Denmans Lane public toilets.</p>

Community engagement

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	<p>Cllrs to attend Village Day each year to enhance community engagement.</p> <p>Conduct Councillor engagement sessions.</p>
Short term	<p>Launch updated Communications strategy.</p> <p>Create a community webpage that promotes local groups, events, facilities, attractions, and includes a directory of local businesses.</p>
Medium term	<p>Undertake residents satisfaction survey to understand community needs and enhance future plans.</p> <p>Encourage and assist the promotion of the village as an attractive place to visit.</p> <p>Create an online Village Welcome pack for new residents.</p>
Longer term	<p>Consider whether there would be support for a Youth Council.</p> <p>Review LPC's current assets and consider potential enhancements.</p>

Effective engagement with local authorities

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	Maintain existing Officer meetings (with County, District, and authorities within WSALC) and seek to enhance where possible.
Short term	Councillors to attend the Mid Sussex County Local Forum. Councillors to attend MSALC and SALC update and networking events.
Medium term	Develop regular Cllr to Cllr meetings (with County, District, and neighbouring authorities). WSSC & MSDC community sessions.
Longer term	Promote LPC as an active and valued stakeholder in helping shape and influence policies of other local authorities.

Environment and sustainability

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	<p>Continue to promote and achieve the aims and objectives of the council's climate policy.</p> <p>Publish regular updates on LPC activities relating to Climate Change (in Lindfield Life and online).</p> <p>Share information with the community relating to local and national environment initiatives.</p> <p>Maintain Management Plan for Wilderness Field that promotes wildflower and ecosystem.</p>
Short term	<p>Minimise green waste miles by installing hotbin composter(s) to process waste produced by Village Orderly clearance.</p>
Medium term	<p>Investigate installation of solar panels on LPC buildings.</p> <p>Work with local schools to assist in designing messaging for environmental campaigns.</p> <p>Flower & fauna survey of the Wilderness Field.</p> <p>Consider free water refill provisions within the village.</p>
Longer term	<p>Ensure that LPC provides input into long term MSDC & WSCC Climate Change policy documents.</p>

Health and wellbeing

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	<p>Promote awareness of campaigns linked to health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Ensure the council includes a grant budget each year to support the work of charities and community interest companies within the village.</p>
Short term	Support local charities and community interest companies by promoting the LPC grants scheme and other sources of funding.
Medium term	Investigate opportunities to support youth and elderly services in the village.
Longer term	Review impact of existing schemes and investigate working with outside bodies to fill gaps.

Governance

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	Ensure continued staff and councillor training to ensure best practices are adopted.
Short term	Promote the May 2023 elections and encourage individuals from all backgrounds to stand at the elections. Produce and implement an LPC Councillors manual, in time for the new council term, that sets out expected roles and responsibilities for elected members.
Medium term	Implement rolling asset replacement programme and budget appropriately.
Longer term	Apply for NALC good council accreditation.

Next stages

November 2022	Draft to be published for comments from stakeholders and the public.
January 2023	Feedback end date. Officers to collate public and stakeholder responses.
March 2023	Start of electoral period (during this time no public comments or decisions will be made on the plan).
May 2023	New council term. Report on feedback to be published.
June 2023	Visioning session for the new council (councillors and staff) to help establish aims and objectives.
September 2023	Publication of the final plan, incorporating feedback from public stake holders, and those elected at the May 2023 elections.

Feedback

The plan will be a way of communicating what LPC is doing to meet the needs of the community. It is intended to be a two-way conversation. Please tell us what you think about it. We welcome your comments. If you require 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. Please respond to:

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