

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

2022-2025

Reapproved May 2022

1 Introduction

Alrewas Parish Council re-approved this Strategic Plan and Operational Plan in May 2022 to support its overarching **AIM** which is:

To carry out its statutory and other responsibilities legally and effectively for the benefit of the community which it serves

To enable the Parish Council to be a positive force in the Community it will:

represent the community to other parts of local and national government and other organisations

consist of properly elected or co-opted competent councillors who carry out their duties to the standard expected of those in public life and in line with the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations of the Parish Council employ properly appointed and effective employees and contractors

spend money only for the benefit of the community according to agreed Council priorities informed by this Strategic Plan

work with other local and national service providers to maintain and enhance, where possible, services and facilities in the community

be responsive to community needs where possible and initiate and support developments, where possible, which reflect the needs of the community

maintain plans and policies which support the community, especially in relation to planning be informed in its actions by the approved Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually at the Council's Annual Meeting in May, progress recorded and Aim/s and Objectives confirmed for the following year.

In order to prioritise its actions, the Council has the following **OBJECTIVES**:

1. To operate effectively as a Parish Council, maintaining strong financial controls, and with appropriately trained and experienced councillors and employees, to enable it to represent the community effectively when interacting with local and national bodies and organisations
2. To work with others to provide a positive and attractive environment for residents and visitors

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3. To work with residents and other bodies to proactively support a safe and low crime environment for residents and visitors
4. To support the provision of facilities and activities for the full age range of residents and visitors, including cultural and sporting facilities to help maintain an active and healthy population
5. To support the environment, wild spaces and sustainable development in the community
6. To reduce the reliance on diesel and petrol transport in and around the village

Operational Plan 2022-2023 *Updates in bold italics in Comments column*

Objective	Action	Responsible	Deadline	Met?	Comments
3	Enhance safety in the village by the introduction of CCTV cameras in agreed locations	Traffic Management Group	Ongoing	Ongoing	Order placed with local supplier and installed. Other areas may be covered in future
4, 5	Maintain and enhance facilities for which it is responsible, including the Cricket and football pitches and the Walkfield Play area	Walkfield Group		Ongoing	Increased the maintenance budget for the play area and Trim Trail.
2,4,6	Work with other organisations to provide a footbridge across the A38 to link the village including the visitors using the Trent and Mersey Canal with the NMA	External grants group		Ongoing	Possibility of external funding being explored
2,4,6	Work with other organisation to complete the cycle way over the A38 to Whitemoor Lakes	External grants group	Ongoing	Ongoing	Requesting support from Tarmac
2, 6	Work to encourage Highways England and SCC Highways to address concerns about traffic on the A38, including noise and air pollution and speeding and to enhance the entrance and exit to the village off the A38	Parish Council		Ongoing	Ongoing liaison and contact
2, 3	Consider ways to improve parking in the village	Traffic Management group		Ongoing	

2,4	Improve facilities for disabled villagers, including moving around the village safely	Traffic Management group			Survey undertaken September 2019
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2,4,5	Provide a community Garden to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	E&D working group	Ongoing	Ongoing	
2, 4, 6	Work with other bodies and organisations to provide a train station at Alrewas, perhaps by the NMA with safe access for villagers	External grants group		Ongoing	
2,4,5	Work with other bodies to encourage use of local outdoor spaces, e.g. provide a guidebook to local walks, support local clubs to offer "taster sessions" for their activities	Environment and development group		Ongoing	
2, 4	Improve disabled access and access for parents with children in buggies to local areas and facilities	Traffic Management Group		Ongoing	

2, 3	Maintain the cleanliness of the village through continuing to employ LDC to undertake litter picks, bin emptying (including dog waste bins), mowing of Walkfield and other local spaces, publicising the KAT litter picking group work with the village school to encourage less littering – perhaps sponsor a project and prize	Parish Council		Ongoing	
2	Consider installing separated litter bins to help	Walkfield group		Ongoing	

	recycling – check with LDC				
2, 4, 5	Working with other organisations e.g. LDC and the Canals and River Trust to enhance the local environment by supporting rewilding around the village e.g. changing mowing schedules in appropriate areas, supporting wildflower planting	Development group			

2, 5, 6	Consider how to encourage green transport, including enhanced bus services, cycle ways, rail use and installation of electric vehicle charge points	Traffic management group		Ongoing	
2, 4, 5, 6	Support services and facilities in the village especially the surgery which will be more sustainable in terms of less car travel	Development group			
2, 5	Work with the Canals and River trust to enhance use of the river and canal to provide recreation and increase visitor numbers in the village	Development group			
4	Continue to support local organisations with small grants to encourage activities	Parish Council			
2	Maintain the character of the conservation area	Development group			
	by careful consideration of the impact of planning applications				
2	Comment on planning applications, supporting small infill developments which in line with the Neighbourhood	Development Group	Ongoing	Ongoing	

	Plan				
	Council management				
1	Maintain a healthy but reasonable financial reserve to enable the Council to undertake agreed expenditure based on its priorities	Clerk		Ongoing	
1	Maintain and review annually appropriate policies, procedures, standing orders and financial regulations which meet national expectations	Clerk		Yes	<i>On Annual Meeting agenda – review schedule to be approved May 2022</i>
1	Continue to aim for good outcomes from annual audit exercises – internal and external	Clerk		Ongoing	
1	Support Cllrs and employees to undertake training and development to enhance their understanding of their roles	Clerk		Ongoing	<i>Information on training opportunities circulated to Clls and Officers</i>