

**Little Stanion Parish Council.**  
**The 2-year Plan**  
**From May 2021-April 2023**

The following plan has been drawn up for action by your Parish Council where resources permit.

**AIM 1.**

**To continue to make Little Stanion an enjoyable , safe place to live and work.**

- 1.1. Anti-social behaviour.** Our concern is that we are seeing an unwanted increase in the amount of antisocial behaviour in the village. We will aim to resurrect the idea of the 'Street Watch' concept or something similar. This has been heralded before, unfortunately without volunteers coming forward. This anti-social behaviour includes vehicle speeding, hence the erection of the first speed warning device.
- 1.2. Scams.** This is a practical action to protect those who use the internet, especially those who are perhaps more susceptible to being duped by scam emails. It is proposed to set up a 'SCAM-ALERT' system advising residents of any known scams or suspicious emails. A warning will be put on the Facebook Community Page.
- 1.2. Social activities.** The Village Committee will continue to provide a program of social events throughout the year [Government guidelines permitting] with as wide an appeal as possible to attract all ages.
- 1.3. Bus shelter.** The provision of a bus shelter for the protection of school children waiting for their bus is being investigated. We will consult with the relevant coach companies and local authority.
- 1.4. The Welcome Letter.** This was recently updated with additional information and mindful of current Government restrictions. It is distributed to new residents.

**AIM 2.**

**To recruit more Parish Councillors**

- 2.1. Video messaging.** The recruitment of more Councillors is high up on our list of priorities. Without more people we cannot possibly achieve our

aims. The plan is to appeal to residents to step forward to consider helping and it will be advertised via a video message on the Facebook Community page.

We are keen to recruit residents from different ethnic backgrounds, of different nationalities, young in age [18+] and to attract female candidates.

- 2.2. Facebook text advertising will continue to convey information residents need to know, particularly in a series of language versions.
- 2.3. The opportunity to have a 'Meet the Parish Council' table at the summer picnic ["Munching in the meadow"] will be taken up in order to encourage applicants, to discuss the work of the Parish Council and hear residents' concerns. A leaflet will be handed out to all those picnicking.
- 2.4. We will provide a "Buddy" system to help new recruits get settled in to being a Parish Councillor. Training will be provided.

### **AIM 3.**

#### **To continue to improve the awareness of the work of the Parish Council**

- 3.1. The use of video messaging on Facebook will be developed, [as opposed to simple text] as a means to attract greater attention to the messages we wish to convey to residents.
- 3.2. The use of Zoom will be developed to encourage residents to use it for "surgeries". It is clearly a medium that residents are now more used to, for all manner of reasons, not just business.
- 3.3. We will take more opportunities to communicate in other languages.
- 3.4. Some residents might see the Parish Council as being connected to the church. This is not the case. It is in fact the "First Tier of Local Government" hence our involvement with anything to do with national and local laws, as well as planning applications that effect the lifestyle of the villagers.

### **AIM 4**

## **To widen our influence within the local area and Northamptonshire in general.**

**4.1.** We have made many inroads into this topic, widening our net of connections at local, County and National level significantly. We will continue to form partnerships with any organisation that can help our cause, including all charities and the likes of food bank organisers.

**4.2.** A priority is to develop relationships with the newly formed North Northamptonshire Council [NNC, the Unitary Council].

### **AIM 5**

#### **To respond to diversity in the resident population.**

**5.1.** We will change our communication strategy to develop a stronger connection with those for whom English is not their mother tongue. We will liaise with nearby Parish Councils in this regard to develop joint strategies.

**5.2.** Diversity will be a significant factor when looking for new Parish Councillors, aiming our recruitment tactics accordingly.

### **AIM 6**

#### **Recognise vulnerability, health and wellbeing**

**6.1.** We recognise that we don't know our resident audience as well as we should like. We will aim to establish the demographics of the village.

**6.2.** Once the demographics are established we can begin to form a plan to understand how many people might qualify as being vulnerable, because of age, mental issues, other illnesses, lack of finance and/or a lack of mobility.

**6.3.** We will ensure that we are equipped with the knowledge of charities in and around Corby that can help providing services such as food and clothing banks in times of need and have a plan of action should it be necessary.

**6.4.** The Parish Council will work towards being a 'first responder' in times of need. Health and Wellbeing isn't just about providing exercise classes. It's about what we can do to help people overcome the sort of problems already highlighted. Help for those who can't get to the shops, the dentists, the chiropodists, the pharmacy, the doctors or who can't afford to buy food.

## **AIM 7**

### **To increase our income**

**7.1.** We have a need to increase the income we generate to give us more cash to do the things already mentioned. The increase in apartments and houses will assist with this.

**7.2.** It is proposed that the Resources Committee draws up a plan to obtain whatever grants might be available for clearly designated projects.

## **AIM 8**

### **To challenge all development plans that affect the lifestyle of residents in Little Stanion.**

**8.1.** To challenge all applications that take the total properties in excess of the 970 total as stipulated in the section106a agreement.

**8.2.** To challenge any development in the A43/Longcroft Road triangle that will increase the traffic on Longcroft Road so increasing the inherent dangers.

**8.3.** To challenge any development that will impact on traffic, pollution, pressure on parking and noise within the environs of the village [e.g. Cowthick Plantation]