

GREAT NESS AND LITTLE NESS PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT

GIVING PEOPLE A VOICE

Community Involvement:

Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council is committed to:

- Engaging parishioners by encouraging them to become actively involved in decisions that affect them and the community.
- The delivery of better services by creating a more active and informed community.
- The Parish Council aims to achieve this by the use of the following strategies:
- Making information available on the agendas that are being considered and how residents can give their opinions.
- Publishing this information on the Notice Boards; the Council Website; and where appropriate, the local press and radio.
- At various times, consultations and surveys will be carried out.

Parish Council Meetings:

- a) Dates and details of Council meetings will be published annually on the website.
- b) Agendas and minutes will be posted on the Notice Boards and the Council web site.
- c) Parish Council meetings are open to the public and a time is set aside for residents to make comments or ask questions.
- d) Residents may also submit to the Clerk, items they wish to raise at a Council meeting.
- e) Details on how to contact the Clerk or Parish Councillors are displayed on the Council website.

Annual Parish Meeting:

- a) This meeting is held in May and affords the public an opportunity to participate in the full meeting.
- b) It is well publicised and is used for the Council to report on the business carried out during the previous year and to obtain the views of residents on issues affecting the community.

General:

- a) Where assistance has been requested, the Parish Council will deal with the request promptly or, where appropriate, ensure that the resident is referred to the correct department of Shropshire Council or to any other relevant authority or organisation.

- b) When dealing with Shropshire Council, or any other authority or organisation, regarding issues affecting the community, the Parish Council will ensure that the views of the community are made known. Councillors are always willing to meet with members of the public to discuss relevant issues.

Informing the Public:

- a) Regular news items will be posted on the Council web site.
- b) Flyers advertising meetings, annual events or special meetings will be placed on the notice boards and on the Council website.
- c) The Council aims to be proactive in getting information to and obtaining information from all sections of the community, especially the hard to reach groups such as the elderly or housebound.
- d) Where information affects a specific section of the community, the Council will ensure that the information is delivered directly to the Parish organisation.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Contact with the Council and Members is through the Parish Clerk:
Anne Chalkley, 31 Cornwall Drive, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0EP
Telephone: 01743 872126 email: Parishclerkgnln@gmail.com
Website: www.Greatnessandlittlenessparishcouncil.org.

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