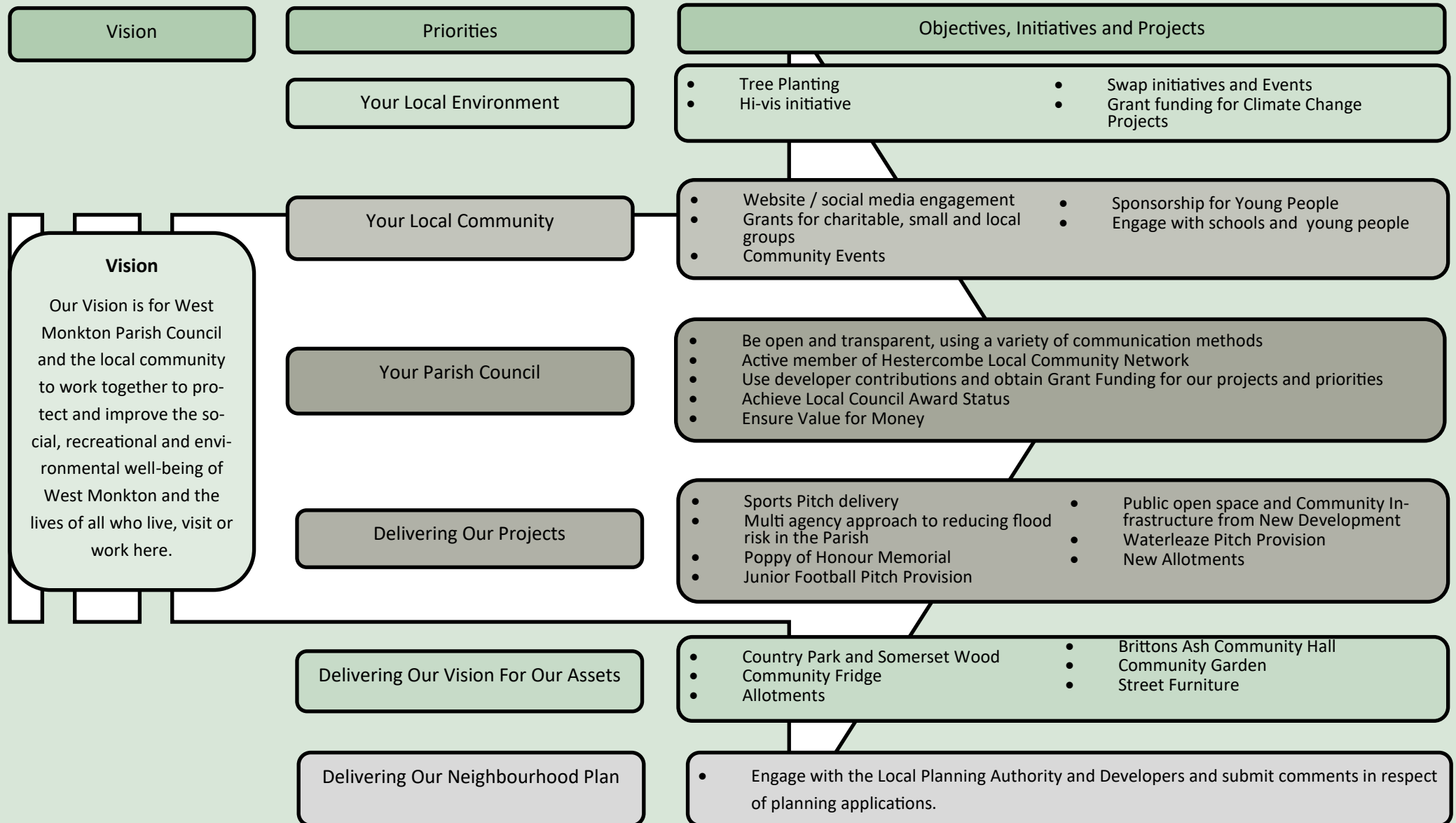




West Monkton Parish Council
Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Summary

West Monkton Parish Council, your Parish Council, has developed this Strategic Plan which sets out what the Parish Council is doing to improve and enhance the social, recreational and environmental well-being of West Monkton and the lives of all who live, visit or work here. Below is a summary of your Parish Councils Vision, Priorities and objectives, initiatives and projects, the remainder of this document provides more detail.



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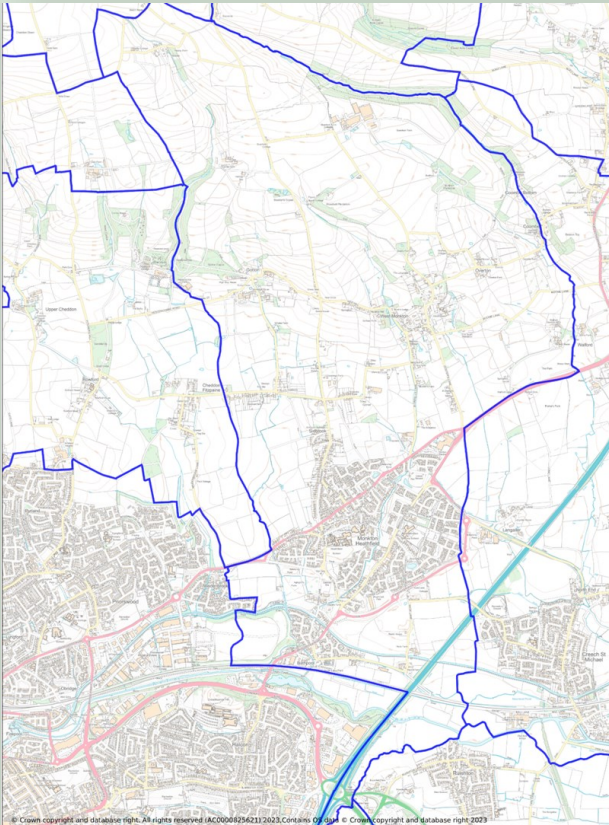
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1. Your Parish

The Parish of West Monkton lies to the north east of Taunton and contains a network of locally distinctive villages and hamlets surrounded by an ecologically rich and diverse farmed landscape. The historic and picturesque parishes include the villages and hamlets of Gotton, Goosenford, parts of Coombe, Overton, Bathpool, Monkton Heathfield and West Monkton.

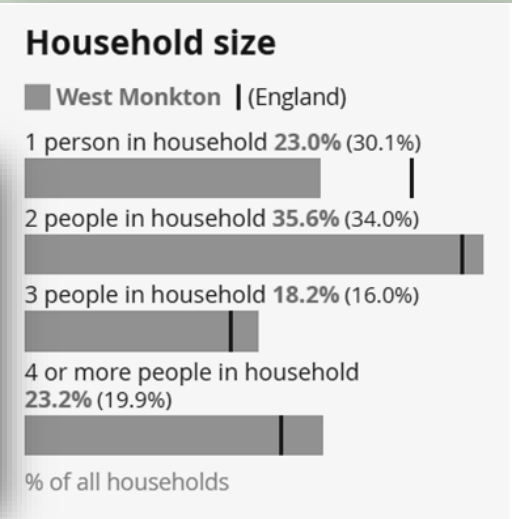
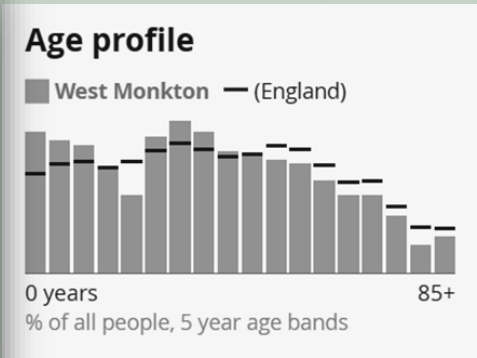
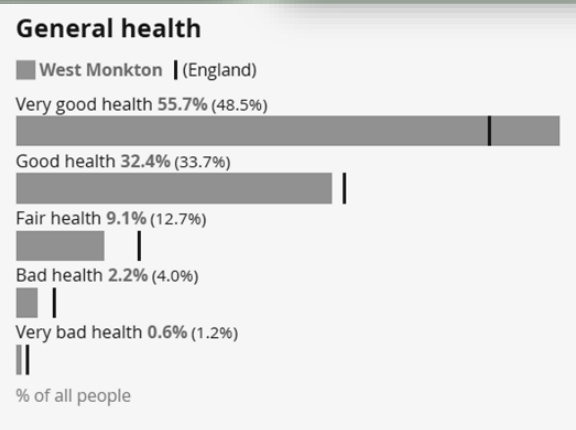
This map illustrates the extent of West Monkton Parish.

The Parish has a population of 5900 people.



2. Profile of our Parish

Here are some interesting facts about the profile of our Parish:



3. Your Parish Council

The Parish Council is made up of nine Parish Councillors and a team of two Clerks who are all passionate about our local area.

The Parish Council works collaboratively with members of the community and partners to deliver our vision, priorities and objectives for the Parish, going over and above what is expected from a Parish Council.

There are 279 parishes in the Somerset Council area. Parish and town councils raise their money by adding an extra cost known as a “precept” to council tax bills in each parish.

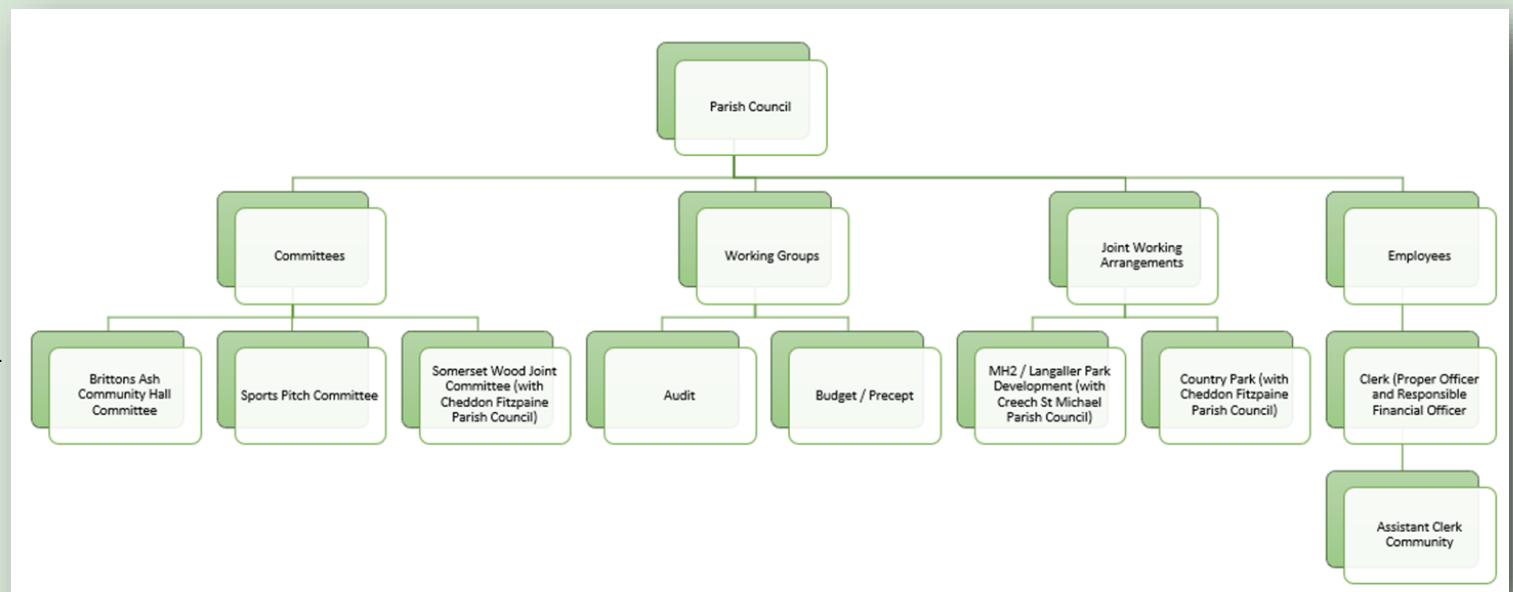
As a tier of local government Parish Councils are elected bodies, with discretionary powers and rights laid down by Parliament to represent their communities and provide services for them. All councils are constituted in the same way; councillors are elected by the local government electorate and each council has a chairman, who must be one of the elected councillors.

4. How your Parish Council Operates

West Monkton Parish Council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7pm at Brittons Ash Community Hall. Question time is usually reached by about 7.10pm when members of the public can ask questions or express an opinion. Meeting papers for Parish Council meetings are available on the Parish Council website (www.westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish Council has established Committees, Working Groups and Joint Working Arrangements. Committees have delegated authority to manage and oversee the Parish Councils assets, Working Groups discuss specific matters and make recommendations for the Parish Council to consider and Joint Working Arrangements are in place with neighbouring Parish Councils to work on specific projects.

This diagram illustrates the Parish Councils structure including the Committees, Working Groups and Employees.

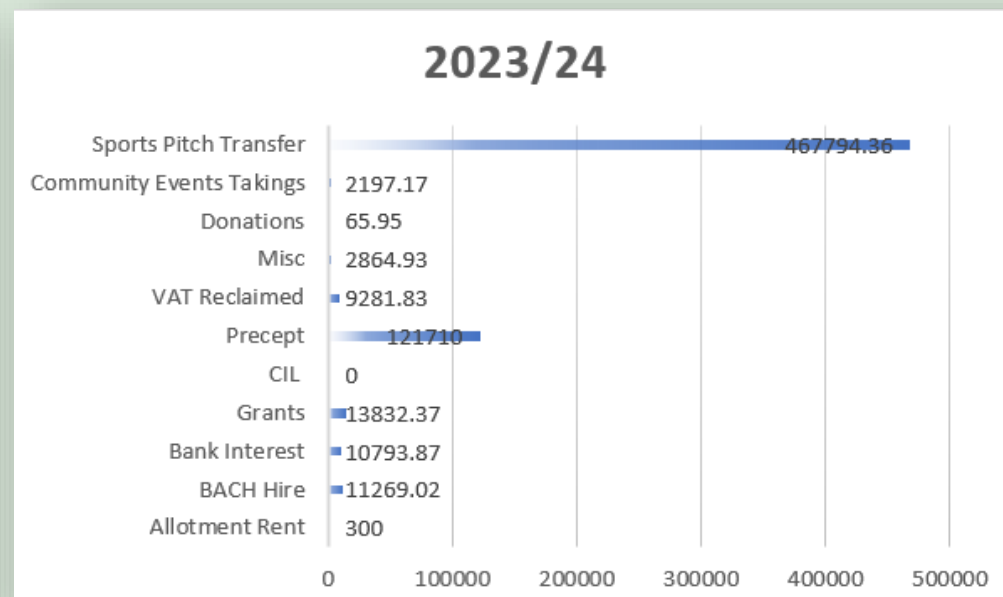
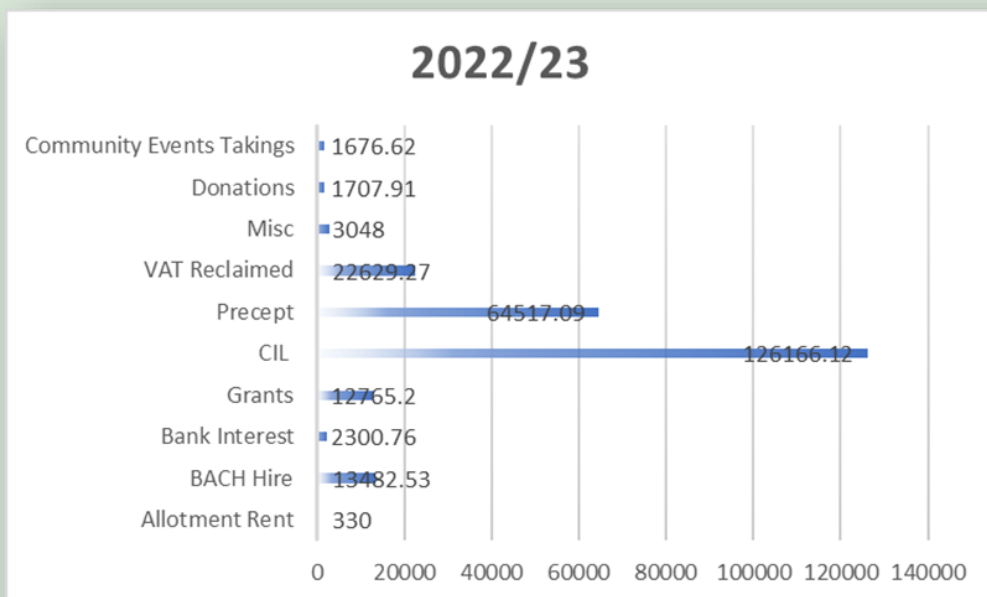


5. Resources

The financial resources that the Parish Council has available are a combination of precept (paid as part of your Council Tax) (£55.75 per Band D equivalent property in 2023/24 rising to £78.48 per Band D equivalent in 2024/25), donations, grants and hire of the BACH. In addition, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is received from New Development. This can only be spent on Community Infrastructure (capital) to mitigate the impact of development in a local area and not on Parish Council general running costs (revenue).

The Parish Councils work is also helped greatly by a large and expanding group of volunteers who enable the successful delivery of projects like the Community Fridge, Community Garden, Litter Picking, Community Events and managing assets like the BACH and Country Park / Somerset Wood.

The charts below illustrate the financial resources received in 2022/23 and 2023/24:



6. Our Vision

Our Vision is for West Monkton Parish Council and the local community to work together to protect and improve the social, recreational and environmental well-being of West Monkton and the lives of all who live, visit or work here.

A. Your Local Environment

D. Delivering Our Projects

B. Your Local Community

7. Our Priorities

E. Delivering Our Vision For
Our Assets

C. Your Parish Council

F. Delivering Our
Neighbourhood Plan Vision

Priority A: Your Local Environment

The Parish Council recognises the importance of the local environment, feeling connected with our local environment enables us to feel connected with each other and its enjoyment helps people to stay physically and mentally healthy. Looking after our environment also helps to combat climate change.

The following objectives have been identified for delivery by the Parish Council to help our local environment:

Lead Councillors **Cllr Noel Munson**
 Cllr Alan Hall

Objectives:

- Work towards making the parish of West Monkton more carbon neutral by 2030 by:
 - Enabling the planting of trees in the parish in public areas and private gardens.
 - Promoting the use of public and sustainable transport.
 - Continuing to deliver the hi-vis initiative to encourage children to cycle and walk to school safely.
 - Promoting recycling and reusing and reducing waste.
 - Deliver swap initiatives and events.
 - Provide grant funding for individuals and organisations for Climate Change projects based in the Parish, up to £500.00.
 - Require new developments to provide active bus routes through the development.
 - Provide bus shelters at all well used bus stops.
 - Support larger scale renewable energy projects in the Parish.
- Acquire or build a community building to expand the capacity of the community fridge to include food, toys and clothes.
- Acquire ownership of Monkton Heathfield Phase 1 Development Public Open Space and provide the facilities needed to enable enjoyment by the Community.
- Take steps to reduce fly-tipping in the Parish and keep the Parish tidy.
- Continue to deliver the Community Fridge to reduce waste.

Priority B: Your Local Community

The Parish Council recognises the importance of our local community. Being part of an engaging community gives us a sense of belonging. It enables us to share and support each other and feel connected with where we live.

The following objectives have been identified for delivery by the Parish Council to help our local community:

Lead Councillors **Cllr Noel Munson**
 Cllr Ray Tully
 Cllr Hazel Ellis

Objectives:

- Increase usage of Community Website (Monkton Matters) and social media engagement.
- Undertake a Community Review to understand the needs of the Community.
- Improve existing and deliver new cycle and foot paths across the Parish.
- Provide grants to charitable, small and local groups to deliver goods or services for the benefit of members of the community of the Parish.
- Engage our Community by delivering community events throughout the year including a monthly quiz, Stay and Play Groups, Country Park events etc.
- Continue to deliver and expand the Community Garden.
- Work with local schools to engage young people, gather their ideas and share what the Parish Council does and engage their support with Parish Projects and Priorities.
- Provide sponsorship for Duke of Edinburgh, Educational Programmes and events / activities for Young People using 25% of profits generated from the hire of Brittons Ash Community Hall.
- Support local employment opportunities for young people.
- Publicise the local groups that operate for the benefit of the community.
- Support the delivery of Community Hubs / Squares in new developments and explore community markets / festivals / flower / produce shows / open mic / talent nights.
- Enable Community Fundraising through the use of QR codes at Parish Council events and groups.

Priority C: Your Parish Council

The Parish Council is a corporate body, which has been granted powers by Parliament including the authority to raise money through taxation (the precept) and a range of powers to spend public money. As an elected body, the Parish Council recognises that it must be effective and represent the interests of our community to enable its vision to be accomplished.

The following objectives have been identified for delivery by the Parish Council to help it be as effective as possible:

Lead Councillor

Cllr Stuart Haskins

Objectives:

- To be an open, transparent and proactive Parish Council.
- Raise the profile of the Parish Council to ensure that members of the community understand the work we do and the difference it makes.
- Be an active member of the Hestercombe Local Community Network (add in detail of PCs / area of coverage).
- Use Community Infrastructure Levy receipts to support the delivery of the parish priorities.
- Apply for grant funding to support the delivery of the parish priorities.
- Ensure Value for Money.
- Publicise information about how the Parish Council spends money in an understandable format.
- Achieve Local Council Award Scheme 'Quality Status'.
- Use a variety of communication methods to engage the community including:
 - Videos of Parish Council Projects, Events and Activities on Social Media.
 - Monthly updates about the work of the Parish Council for Monkton Matters, Noticeboards, Facebook Pages and the Village News.
 - 'You said – We did' articles.
 - Fund copies of 'Village News' editions to be available at key locations / businesses across the Parish.
 - Expand Social Media coverage to Instagram

Priority D: Delivering Our Projects

The Parish Council has a number of key projects that it is committed to delivering for the benefit of our Parish and all who live, work or visit. A summary of each of the projects is provided below:

Sports Pitch Delivery

Lead Councillor Cllr Alan Hall

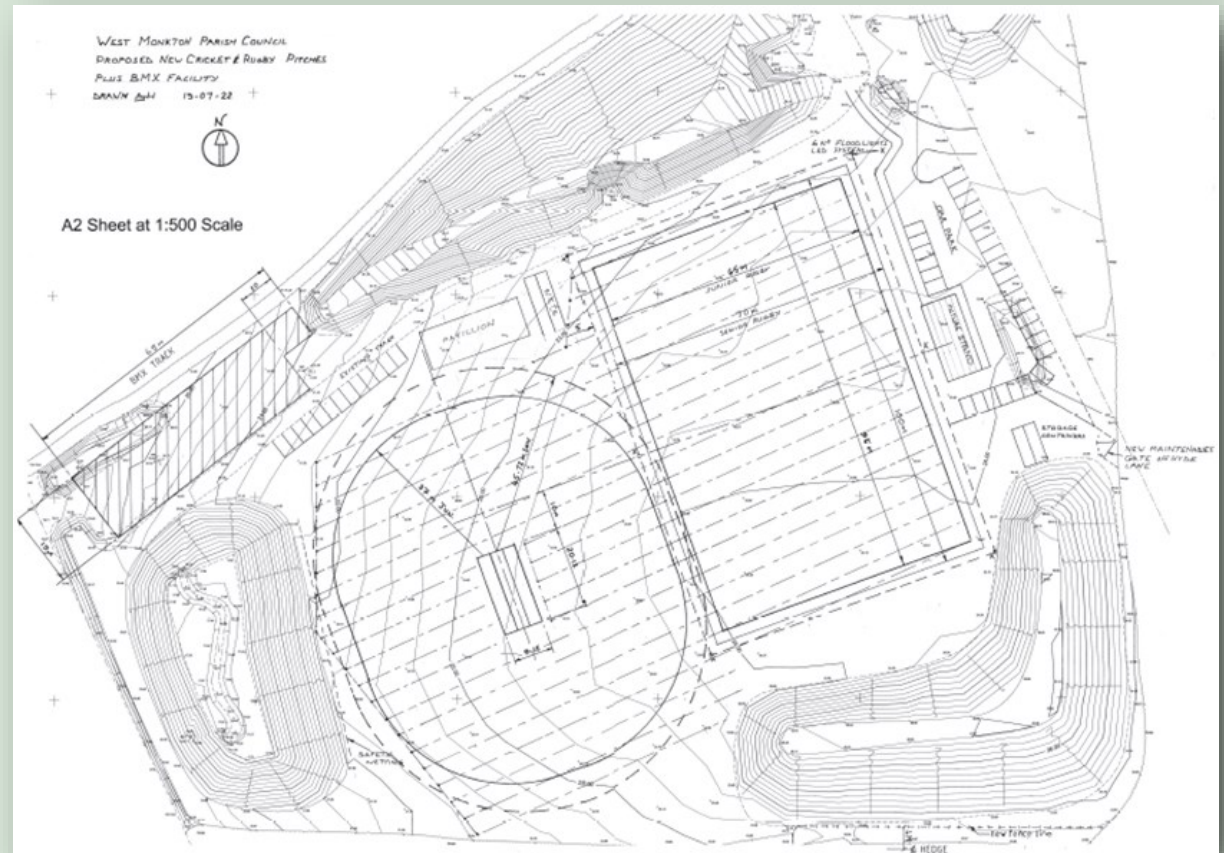
Project Summary To deliver one Cricket Pitch and one Rugby Pitch with the provision of a sufficient club house / changing facilities and a skate park / pump track at land to the south of the Eastern Relief Road (ERR) in Bathpool. The land can be accessed via the 'Hardys Road' roundabout of the ERR.

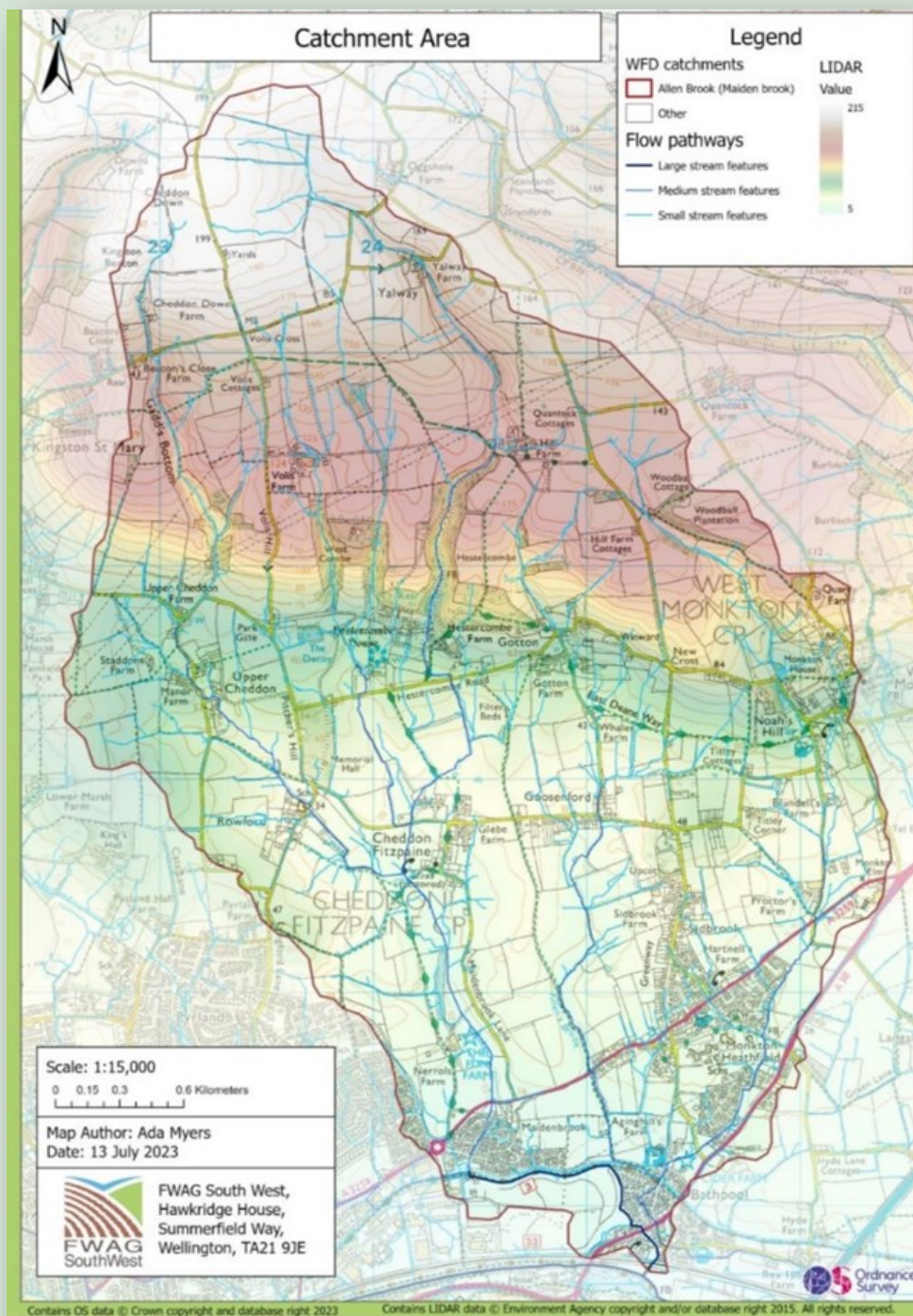
Project Aims

- To improve pitch provision in the parish and local area and to ensure adequate cricket and rugby pitch provision for youth groups.
- To improve and expand the facilities available in the Parish.

Funding

Delivery: Contribution from Developer and Grant Funding
On-going maintenance: Precept





Multi-Agency Approach to Reducing Flood Risk in the Parish

Lead Councillor
Project Summary

Cllr Alan Hall

Bathpool has experienced flooding and is at risk of flooding in the future. Three key streams / water courses (Dyers Brook, Allens Brook and Maidenbrook) funnel from the Quantock Hills down to Bathpool into the Old River Tone. Under normal conditions the Old River Tone flows into the River Tone through flap gates. When the River Tone levels are high the flap gates cannot open and instead a pump is deployed to pump the water from the Old River Tone into the River Tone to prevent flooding of homes and businesses. A package of projects are proposed to install natural flood management measures and techniques on the Dyers Brook, Allens Brook and Maidenbrook catchment streams to slow the flow of water from the Quantock Hills to Bathpool.

The projects include:

- Stream enhancements
- Scrape creations
- Leaky dams
- Clearance of block drains and ditches
- Hedge planting
- In field bunds and cross drains
- Creation of wetland sites
- Purchase of land to enable permanent flood relief pumps to be installed at Bathpool.

Project Aims

- To reduce flood risk in Bathpool, reduce erosion, improve water quality and deliver wider environmental benefits.

Funding

Grant funding and Community Infrastructure Levy

Poppy of Honour Memorial Delivery

Lead Councillor Cllr Hall

Project Summary The Poppy of Honour was created in 2018 as a national memorial to honour British and Commonwealth Servicemen and Servicewomen listed as killed or missing in World War 1. The Poppy of Honour Memorial incorporates 1,117,635 individual remembrance poppies inside its encasement.

On 9th November 2023, the ownership of the Poppy of Honour was assigned to 'The People of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and all the other Realms and Territories of His Majesty King Charles III and all the Commonwealth Countries.'

The certificate states 'The Poppy of Honour Memorial Group are to be the Custodians of The Memorial in perpetuity and are responsible for its maintenance. The Custodians are entrusted to register The Memorial with the relevant authorities as a War Memorial. The Custodians are further to ensure that The Memorial is installed in the Somerset Wood within Maidenbrook Country Park, Maidenbrook Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, Somerset TA2 8JT or an alternative location for The People to view free of charge.

Project Aims

To deliver an open memorial pavilion at the Country Park to permanently house the Poppy of Honour, together with informative display boards.

Funding

Community Infrastructure Levy
Grant Funding
Fundraising



Acquisition of Public Open Space and Community Infrastructure from New Development

Project Summary	The MH2 / Langaller Park development will be required to deliver Public Open Space and Community Infrastructure. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring that the facilities are of the best standard and meet the needs of our Community.
Project Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Actively engage with Developers / LPA to ensure adequate community infrastructure / public open space is included in new development proposals.Work to acquire land allocated for public open space / community infrastructure from Developers with a contribution / CIL money to ensure the infrastructure is delivered to the highest standard for our community.
Funding	Developer contribution from Section 106 Agreement Commuted Sum New infrastructure: Community Infrastructure Levy



Waterleaze Pitch Provision

Project Summary / Aims:	Acquire playing pitch land currently in the ownership of the Developer at Waterleaze and provide facilities to enable use of the pitch as a junior football pitch for use by clubs and the community.
Funding	Delivery / Acquisition: Community Infrastructure Levy On-going maintenance: Precept

Deliver New Allotments

Project Summary Land between School Road and Farriers Green, Monkton Heathfield, currently in the ownership of Somerset Council to be acquired to enable additional allotment provision for the Community.

Project Aims

- To deliver additional allotment plots in the parish for our Community.

Funding

Delivery: Community Infrastructure Levy
On-going maintenance: Allotment fees and Pre-cept



Junior Football Pitch Provision

Project Summary Land between Bridgwater Road and School Road, adjacent to the footpath, has been allocated for play pitches. The Parish Council plans to acquire the land / completed pitches from the Developer with the commuted sum specified in the S106 agreement and make the pitches available for the community and junior football clubs (using the facilities available at the BACH to support their use).

Funding

Developer contribution from Section 106 Agreement Commuted Sum
Acquisition: Community Infrastructure Levy.

Priority E: Delivering our Vision for our Assets

Country Park and Somerset Wood

Lead Councillor Cllr Alan Hall

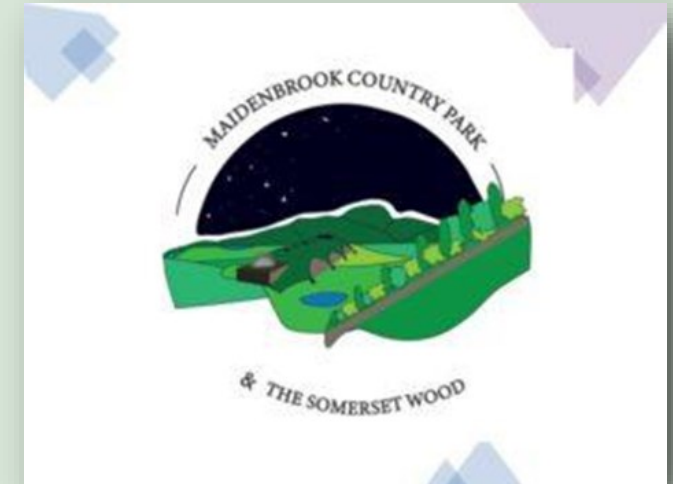
Asset Summary Maidenbrook Country Park is an area of open parkland, located adjacent to Maidenbrook Lane.

Asset Aims

- To deliver the Vision for the Country Park and Somerset Wood:

To create and maintain open parkland and paths in a tranquil environment; and provide a fitting permanent woodland memorial to the 11,281 people from Somerset who lost their lives in the First World War. This place is for the people, their future health, well-being and prosperity.

Funding Capital improvements / delivery: Community Infrastructure Levy
On-going maintenance: Precept
Opportunities for grant funding are also being explored.



Brittons Ash Community Hall

Lead Councillor Cllr Barry Gage

Asset Summary The Brittons Ash Community Hall (BACH) is an asset of the Parish Council, a Committee comprising councillors and residents administers the day to day running of the BACH.
The BACH is located on the West Monkton Primary School site. The address is Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, Taunton, TA2 8FT.

Asset Aims

- For the BACH to act as a community hub for the Parish.
- To be available for hire to local businesses and the community and to be self—funded through hall hire revenue.

Funding Self-funded from hire charges.



Community Fridge

Asset Summary The Community Fridge opened in 2022 and is located next to the entrance to the BACH Car Park. The fridge is run by volunteers who collect food that would otherwise go to waste from local supermarkets. The food is then shared with the community via the open access shed. The shed also has a small library where adults and children can share books.

Asset Aims

- To reduce food waste.
- To encourage re-use and sharing of books.

Funding Grant funding
Community Infrastructure Levy
Ongoing maintenance: Precept / Grant Funding

Community Garden

Asset Summary	The Community Garden is located on the green space in front of the entrance to Brittons Ash Community Hall.
Asset Aims	<p>The Community Garden grows fresh, organic produce that is distributed through the Community Fridge to local residents, providing a further boost to nutrition as well as providing an opportunity for volunteers to enjoy the benefits of increased physical activity. The permaculture approach taken by the Garden also makes a small but important difference to the environment and climate change.</p> <p>Clearly, West Monkton Primary School has a focus on education and training across a number of wellbeing areas the young people of the parish, helping them to gain greater access to opportunities to improve their wellbeing both now and later in life. In addition to providing an education to children, the School also run ‘Family Learning’ sessions.</p>
Funding	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p>Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance: Precept</p>



Allotments

Asset Summary	Eleven allotments located next to the Spital Almshouses accessed via Monkton Heathfield Road.
Asset Aims	To rent the allotment plots to our community to enable them to grow fruit and vegetables.
Funding	Allotment charges and Precept

Street Furniture (including Bus Shelters, Bins and Benches)

Asset Summary	The Parish Council has a number of ‘street furniture’ assets across the Parish including, bus shelters, grit bins, bins, dog waste bins, adult gym equipment, benches and noticeboards.
Asset Aims	The Parish Council is committed to maintaining these and purchasing additional street furniture where a need is identified.
Funding	Community Infrastructure Levy Ongoing maintenance: Precept



Priority F: Delivering our Neighbourhood Plan Vision



A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) allows the community to grow whilst protecting existing community assets. It also identifies and makes provision for the realisation of community aspirations for the future. The NP becomes part of the planning framework, influencing the form and content of any new development.

The advantages of having a NP are that community assets, such as conservation areas, remain protected and community aspirations, such as improved leisure access to parks, open spaces, sports areas and footpaths, become more achievable. The aspiration for the NP area is that it becomes a place where families and people can grow and thrive in a sustainable and ecologically sensitive community. Having made the NP 2017, the parishes of West Monkton (WM) and Cheddon Fitzpaine (CF) currently receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The CIL money can be used for community projects, such as the Country Park.

The original West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was made in 2017. Following the guidance provided by the 2019 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), West Monkton (WM) and Cheddon Fitzpaine (CF) Parish Councils undertook a limited revision of that Plan to bring it up to date.

The NP Vision is ‘To successfully accommodate the significant growth planned for the area; to ensure a high quality of design with the creation of sustainable places with excellent community facilities for local people to enjoy and during this period of growth, the historic settlements and surrounding countryside will be protected to maintain and enhance the locally distinctive characteristics of the area for future generations’.

8. Monitoring Our Plan

Our Strategic Plan is the main way of telling you what we are doing to meet the needs of our Community and to deliver the Parish Council Vision.

An Action Plan that identifies the activity that will take place to achieve the objectives for each of the six priorities follows.

Monitoring progress of the delivery of the Action Plan will take place at our Parish Council meetings and an Annual Report is published each year to provide an annual summary of the performance of the Council.

The Strategic Plan itself will be subject to an annual review and updated to keep the document relevant and up-to-date.

9. Action Plan

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Local Environment	Enable the planting of trees in the parish in public areas and private gardens.	Plant 200 whips on sports pitch land	2024/25	Volunteers Trees Donated by Woodland Trust
		Plant further trees in the Somerset Wood	2024/25 and beyond.	Volunteers Somerset Wood Donations.
	Promoting the use of public and sustainable transport.	Share information regarding public transport on website and social media.	2024/25 and beyond.	PC budget
	Continuing to deliver the hi-vis initiative to encourage children to cycle and walk to school safely.	Give out hi-vis vests at Community Events	2024/25 and beyond	CIL money
	Promoting recycling and reusing and reducing waste.	Run monthly repair cafes	2024/25 and beyond	Volunteers BACH
	Continue to deliver the Community Fridge to reduce waste	Continue to provide the Community Fridge	2024/25 and beyond	Volunteers PC budget
	Deliver swap initiatives and events	Run community swap events	2024/25 and beyond	Volunteers
	Provide grant funding for individuals and organisations for Climate Change projects based in the Parish up to £500	Launch two grant funding windows in April and September	2024/25 and beyond	PC budget

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Local Environment	Require new developments to provide active bus routes through developments.	Actively engage with Developers during the planning process in respect of MH2 / Laggaller Park to ensure bus routes are provided.	2024/25	PC budget
	Provide bus shelters at well used bus stops	Provide a new bus shelter at Bridgwater Road near the Bawler Road junction.	2024/25	CIL Money
	Support larger scale renewable energy projects in the Parish.	Explore larger scale energy project e.g. with West Monkton Primary School	2024/25	CIL Money
	Acquire or build a community building to expand the capacity of the community fridge to include food, toys, clothes.	Explore acquiring a building to expand the Community Fridge as part of the devolution of assets from Somerset Council.	2024/25	Grant funding for Community Fridge Expansion / CIL Money
	Take steps to reduce fly-tipping in the Parish and keep the Parish tidy.	Promote and support volunteer litter pickers.	2024/25 and beyond.	Volunteers / Litter Picking Equipment
		Explore acquiring permit to enable Council to collect fly-tipping and take to recycling centre.	2024/25	PC Budget
	Acquire ownership of Monkton Heathfield Phase 1 Development Public Open Space and provide facilities needed to enable enjoyment by the Community.	Complete acquisition of public open space.	2024/25	S106 agreement funding / CIL Money
		Review facilities required.	2024/25	CIL Money

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Local Community	Increase usage of Community website and social media engagement	Explore other techniques to increase social media engagement e.g. videos.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
		Regular updates on the work of the Council on website and social media	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Undertake a Community Review to understand the needs of the community.	Explore undertaking a Community Review	2024/25	Explore grant funding / support available from Somerset Community Council.
		Undertake a Community Review	2024/25 or 2025/26	
		Use the evidence from the Community Review to develop plans.	2025/26	

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Local Community	Improve existing and deliver new cycle and foot paths across the Parish.	Replace surface and drainage at pathway providing rear entrance to Farriers Green Park	2024/25	CIL Money
	Provide grants to charitable, small and local groups to deliver goods or services for the benefit of members of the community of the Parish.	Launch two grant funding windows in April and September	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Engage our Community by delivering community events throughout the year including a monthly quiz, stay and play groups, country park events etc.	Continue to provide a Stay and Play Group twice a week	2024/25 and beyond	BACH / Volunteers
		Continue to provide a community quiz once a month	2024/25 and beyond	Tacchi Morris
		Continue to provide a Community Café once a week incorporating a bereavement group, knitting / crochet group and repair café.	2024/25 and beyond	BACH / Volunteers
		Deliver a schedule of events at the Country Park including Easter Egg Hunt, Party in the Park, Dog Show	2024/25 and beyond	Volunteers / PC Budget
		Deliver a tug of war event at the Country Park with neighbouring parishes	2024/25	PC Budget
		Deliver a D-Day event at the Country Park	2024/25	PC Budget
	Continue to deliver the community garden	Support volunteers to deliver and expand the community garden	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget / Grant Funding / CIL Money
	Work with local schools to engage young people, gather their ideas and share what the Parish Council does and engage their support with Parish Project and Priorities	Build relationship with Monkton Wood Academy	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
		Continue to build relationship with West Monkton Primary School	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Provide sponsorship for Duke of Edinburgh, Educational Programmes and events / activities for Young People.	Provide sponsorship for Young People	2024/25 and beyond	25% of profits from BACH

Priority	Objective / Project	Objective / Project	Timescale	Resources Re-quired
Your Local Communi-ty	Publicise local groups that operate for the benefit of the Community	Develop a directory of groups / activities and publi-cise.	2024/25	PC Budget
	Support the delivery of community hubs / squares in new developments and explore community markets / festivals / flower / produce shows / open mic / talent nights.	Engage with Developers in relation to MH2 / Lan-galler Park proposals to ensure the delivery of a community hub / square	2024/25	PC Budget
		Explore opportunities for markets / festivals / events.	2024/25	PC Budget
	Enable Community Fundraising through the use of QR codes at Parish Council events and groups.	Establish QR code	2024/25	PC Budget

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Par-ish Coun-cil	To be an open, transparent and proactive Parish Council.	Publish information about the Parish Council as widely as possible.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
		Publish information over and above what is re-quired by legislation.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Raise profile of the Parish Council to ensure that members of the community understand the work we do and the difference it makes.	Regular updates on Monkton Matters and Social Media giving an overview of what the PC has achieved.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Be an active member of the Hestercombe Local Com-munity Network.	Ensure PC attendance and engagement at all LCN meetings.	2024/25 and beyond.	PC Budget
	Ensure Value for Money	Operate in accordance with Financial Regulations to ensure adequate quotations are received and en-sure value for money	2024/25 and beyond.	PC Budget
	Publicise information about how the Parish Council spends money in an understandable format.	Publish an annual report every year summarising how the Parish Council has spent money and what has been achieved.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Use Community Infrastructure Levy receipts to support the delivery of the Parish priorities and projects.		2024/25 and beyond	CIL Money
	Apply for grant funding to support the delivery of the parish priorities and projects.		2024/25 and beyond.	CIL Money
	Achieve Local Council Award Scheme 'Quality Status'.		2024/25	PC Budget

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Your Parish Council	Use a variety of communication methods to engage the community	Videos of Parish Council projects, events and activities on social media.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
		Monthly updates about the work of the Parish Council on Monkton Matters, Noticeboards, Facebook Pages and the Village News.	2024/25 and beyond	
		'You Said – We Did' articles	2024/25 and beyond	
		Fund copies of 'Village News' editions to be available at key locations / businesses across the Parish.	2024/25 and beyond	
		Expand social media coverage to Instagram.	2024/25 and beyond	

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Delivering Our Projects	Sports Pitch Delivery	Obtain required planning permission for sports pitches.	2024/25	Developer contribution / budget/ CIL money
		Undertake ground / drainage / seeding works	2024/25	
		Apply for grant funding	2024/25	PC Budget
	Multi Agency Approach to Reducing Flood Risk in the Parish	Obtain grant funding to deliver projects	2024/25	PC Budget
		Deliver proposed projects.	2024/25 and beyond	Obtained grant funding
		Purchase land at Bathpool for permanent pump / access.	2024/25	CIL Money
		Continue Multi-Agency approach	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget
	Poppy of Honour Memorial Delivery	Obtain planning permission for Memorial at the Country Park	2024/25	CIL Money
		Fundraise for construction of memorial.	2024/25	PC Budget
		Deliver Memorial at Country Park	2024/25	Fundraising
	Public Open Space and Community Infrastructure from New Development Acquisition	Engage with Somerset Council / Developer to enable handover of land and infrastructure in legal agreements from developments.	2024/25	PC Budget
	Waterleaze Pitch Provision	Engage with Somerset Council / Developer to enable handover of pitches.	2024/25	PC Budget

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Delivering Our Projects	New Allotments	Engage with Somerset Council to enable handover of land between School Road and Farriers Green for new allotments.	2024/25	PC Budget
		Deliver allotments on land	2025/26	CIL Money
	Junior Football Pitch Provision	Engage with Somerset Council / Developer to enable handover of completed pitches to Parish Council	2024/25	S106 contribution for future maintenance / improvement.

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Delivering our Vision for our Assets	Country Park and Somerset Wood	Deliver the vision for the Country Park and Somerset Wood.	2024/25 and beyond	Grant Funding CIL Money
		Apply for available grant funding to enable delivery.	2024/25	
	Brittons Ash Community Hall	Continue to make the Hall available as widely as possible and to act as a hub for our community	2024/25 and beyond	Self funded.
	Community Fridge	Continue to deliver the Community Fridge	2024/25 and beyond	Grant funding PC budget
	Community Garden	Continue to deliver and expand the Community Garden	2024/25 and beyond	Grant funding PC budget
	Allotments	Continue to hire out eleven allotments at Spital, Monkton Heathfield Road	2024/25 and beyond	Allotment Charges
	Street Furniture	Maintain existing street furniture	2024/25 and beyond	PC budget

Priority	Objective / Project	Activity	Timescale	Resources Required
Deliver our Neighbourhood Plan Vision	Deliver our Neighbourhood Plan Vision	Deliver vision and ensure policy compliance when making comments on planning applications to the Local Planning Authority.	2024/25 and beyond	PC Budget

10. Glossary

Term	Definition
Parish Councils	As a tier of local government Parish Councils are elected bodies, with discretionary powers and rights laid down by Parliament to represent their communities and provide services for them. All councils are constituted in the same way; councillors are elected by the local government electorate and each council has a chairman, who must be one of the elected councillors.
S106 Agreement	Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local planning authority, to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation with a landowner as part of the granting of planning permission. The obligation is termed a section 106 agreement
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area. It is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area. The Parish Council receives 25% of the Levy charge from Somerset Council because it has a Neighbourhood Plan.
Precept	Town and Parish Councils issue a precept, which is the amount of money they require from Council Tax payers in their area to deliver services.
Councillor	Parish Councillors are elected by those on the electoral roll for the Parish. The role of a Parish Councillor includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and, through it, to Somerset Council • They report back to residents on issues affecting the parish.
Committee	A Committee can be established by the Parish Council and the Parish Council can delegate some of its statutory functions (responsibilities assigned to a Parish Council in legislation) to it.
Working Group	The purpose of Working Groups formed from both councillors and members of the public is to meet to discuss issues, explore options and develop plans and then report back to the Council with recommendations.
Joint Working Arrangement	An arrangement to work jointly and in partnership with another Parish Council regarding a common issue or project.

11. Contact Details

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