



Slinfold Parish Council

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Statement of Intent as to Community Involvement

1. Aims and Objectives

The council's aims and objectives for seeking community engagement and the outcomes it hopes to achieve are:

Aims:

- Continue to work proactively wherever possible with residents, businesses and community groups;
- Engage with as many people as possible who want to participate in decision-making and planning for the future;
- Encourage the involvement of residents, to capture their views and learn their concerns and use those views as an integral part of the decision-making process;
- Encourage approaches to the Parish Council of clear, well thought out, constructive ideas, which will benefit the community.

Objectives:

- Improved communication through the establishment of new channels of engagement;
- More residents understanding the role of the Council and getting best effect.

2. The Community

Slinfold is a rural parish set in West Sussex. Principal authorities are Horsham District and West Sussex County Council's. The population is around 2,000 (1,650 electorate). The Community may be defined as all those living within the Parish boundary, including local groups and organisations.

3. Provision of Information and Opportunities for Community Involvement

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Slinfold Parish Council will make available to the community, information relating to who we are and what we do, what we spend and how we spend it, our priorities, policies and procedures.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted most mornings and messages can be left 24/7 either by telephone or by email. It is recognised that the community may wish to engage with the Council at different levels – from a telephone call to emails and letters or by attendance at a Council Meetings.

This information is widely published on noticeboards, the village magazine and the website. The website contains all the information that an individual may wish to know including agenda, minutes, policies, financial statements and contact details. All meetings give an opportunity for questions to be asked at the start of every meeting.

4. Opportunities for Formal Representations to the Council

There are opportunities for individuals/groups and partner organisations to ask questions at the beginning of every public meeting of the Council. The Parish Council can be contacted by telephone or email; details are given at the foot of the page.

5. Involvement in Partnerships

Slinfold Parish Council will work proactively to strengthen and improve working relationships with partners and local organisations for example the Industrial Liaison Group and Sports Associations.

6. Role of Council Members and Officers

Slinfold Parish Council members and the Clerk will engage with the community through partnership working, especially with statutory bodies/organisations, sports and voluntary groups. Parish Councillors will also be represented on village committees such as the Village Hall, the Village Shop, the Sports Association and the Community Youth Cluster.

7. Specific Area for Community Involvement

The Parish Council has consulted the community on Traffic Management for the village and is currently leading on a flood management program. Future projects include renewable energies, opportunities for fundraising and securing a location for the Scouts.