

Report on Strategy Statement for financial year 2023 – 2024

1. Recreational facilities

Strategy	Particular Action points
To continue to maintain the area of the recreation grounds let to the Parish Council by Chelmsford City Council including maintenance of the grass, trees and vegetation, the area to include the former Cricket ground	
Upon conclusion of the updated lease for the recreation grounds which will include the Pavilion to progress a project to upgrade the pavilion into a 'community hub' type facility	To consider what is required for that project and consult with residents
To continue to maintain and upgrade the children's play area	The wetpour is being upgrade so to continue to review the provision of equipment in that area
To continue to maintain and upgrade the tennis courts including the installation of outdoor gym equipment	To review needs and consider the need/feasibility for the outdoor gym
To continue to maintain the area for football including maintenance of the goalposts	
To continue to provide allotments to residents behind the recreation grounds	
To continue to provide allotments to residents at the Blasford Hill site	

2. Services and assets for the Community

Strategy	Particular action points
With the aim of providing a clean and tidy environment the Parish Council will continue to engage a contractor to provide litter picking services, gardening services and emptying litter bins To consider hosting occasional community litter picks	To continue to review the efficiency of this service To consider arranging community litter picks on an ad hoc basis
To continue to provide grass cutting services for certain areas in the Parish	
To continue to maintain flower tubs around the Parish.	
To continue to maintain the Parish Council owned bus shelters within the Parish	
To acquire and maintain litter bins in the Parish	To review the condition of existing bins and consider if new or additional bins required.
To acquire and maintain dog bins	
To participate in the Essex County Council salt bag scheme.	

To maintain the defibrillator located in the red telephone box in The Street	
To provide and maintain seating within the Parish	
To maintain the village sign	
To maintain the War Memorial in The Street	
To support the Community Speed watch scheme and local group	In view of residents' concerns in relation to speeding to continue to promote and support the group In particular to reinvigorate advertising for volunteers and consider its use in newly developed areas of the Parish
To maintain noticeboards in the Parish	

3. Administration

Strategy	Particular action points
To meet the administrative costs of the running of the Parish Council in the discharge of its legal statutory duties including the cost of employing the Clerk	

4. Community engagement and assistance

Strategy	Particular action points
The Parish Council will assist local community groups financially with the provision of grants under its small grant scheme	

5. Communication with Residents

Strategy	Particular action points
The Parish Council is committed to effectively communicating with residents and to do so will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and maintain noticeboards • Continue to produce the Parish magazine on a quarterly basis • Maintain a website • Utilise the Facebook page 	To review costs of provision in view of the fact that the size of the Parish is reducing.

6. Representations on behalf of residents

Strategy	Particular action points
The Parish Council will continue to consider and make representations both in writing and by attending committee meetings in relation to planning	

applications, planning enforcement, planning consultations, licencing matters and other relevant consultations effecting the Parish.	
The Parish Council will continue to liaise with other public sector organisations to attempt to address issues raised by residents in relation to highways, streetlights, traffic and parking issues together with fly tipping, fly posting and maintenance of public rights of way	Whilst understanding that such matters are not within the control of the Parish Council to review how such matters may be more effectively raised with the third-party organisations and communicated to residents. In particular, with regard to concerns raised by residents, to continue to consider issues in relation to traffic and congestion in the Parish.

7. Health and Wellbeing

Strategy	Particular Action points
The Parish Council will give consideration to the 'Health and Wellbeing' agenda for the benefit of all residents	To consider how existing strategy already fits into this agenda and any other actions or initiatives that may be taken.

This strategy statement was adopted by Little Waltham Parish Council at its meeting on 4th October 2022.