

QUALITY OF LIFE

11. The Parish Council

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The Parish Council is made up of nine members (seven of them currently by election and two co-opted) and is served by a Parish Clerk. It holds monthly meetings, all at Arley Memorial Hall except for occasional visits to Shatterford or Pound green. The Council employs a part-time Village Worker to maintain the streets and verges in Arley village.

The Council provides training for its Clerk and members, and is aiming to achieve Quality Parish status. The Council's finances are handled by the Clerk, and the Council has received unqualified "audit opinions" for the last three years.

One of the recommended elements going towards Quality Parish status is the provision of a Parish Council website.

The Council published its first Annual report in 2003.

The publication of a Parish Plan will assist the Council in its working with other authorities.

Issues

Not enough information about Parish Council activities.

Cost of Parish Council services.

Website

Lack of influence on other bodies providing services to the Parish.

Actions

Stakeholders

Timescale

Pursue Quality Parish Council status'

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Ongoing

Publish more information about activities and spending.

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Ongoing

Set up a Parish Council website

PC

Short term

Policy Statement

The Parish Council aims to provide parishioners with high quality services within acceptable cost levels.
The Parish Council aims to achieve Quality Parish status.
The Parish Council aims to keep parishioners fully informed about its work.