



## **Turners Hill Parish Council**

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## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: STATEMENT OF INTENT**

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

To make improvements to the quality of life of all those who live in or work in Turners Hill, through careful planning for future activities in terms of economic, social, and environmental well-being working within the legal framework placed on the Council by Government.

To achieve these aims the Parish Council continue to consult and engage with residents, other local authorities that influence Turners Hill, the police, health authority, school, churches and other local organisations and groups with an interest in the Village.

The Council will seek to play a key role in leading and empowering the local community. The Council firmly believes in maintaining the fabric of the village and protecting the village environment.

### **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Council will make information available via:

The website [www.turnershillcouncil.co.uk](http://www.turnershillcouncil.co.uk)

The Parish News

The Annual Report

The Village Notice Board

By request from the Clerk

The Council has adopted the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act which means that the public can request sight of or can request hard copies of documents (for a fee) from the Clerk. Most of the documents are available from the website. The only exception relates to confidential items.

The Clerk deals with any queries relating to the three tiers of local government.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The first fifteen minutes of all monthly Council meetings are set aside for members of the public to ask questions, raise issues, and make comments to the Council. This period of time can be extended, if necessary, at the discretion of the Chairman.

When working on specific projects the community will be invited to give comment, provide input, take part in working parties in order to be fully inclusive and find the best solutions for the village.

**Formal requests** for items to be included on the Agenda must be received in writing by the Clerk at least seven days prior to a Council meeting. Items raised after this period will be included in the following month's agenda.

### **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The Council is represented on other organisations at local, district and county level which can affect Turners Hill or provide information of benefit to Turners Hill. Such information will be shared with residents.

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