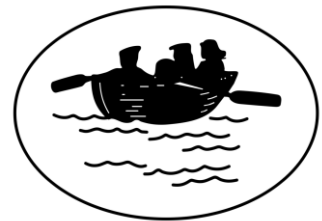




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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Adopted 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Reviewed: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Hullbridge Parish Council engages with the Community through the following methods:

- **Annual Parish Meeting –** Residents of the village are invited by an advertisement in Ripples Village Magazine which is delivered to every address in the village. Advertisements for the meeting are also placed on the web-site, the 9 noticeboards, together with the library, the Village Facebook page and at the Parish Office.
- **What Your Community Wants –** The Parish Council makes a list after each Annual Parish Meeting and always takes details of questions to the next Parish Council Meeting for action.
- **Timetable of Meetings –** The timetable of meetings is placed on the web-site, noticeboards and in Ripples Village Magazine.
- **Meetings -** All Agendas for meetings are publicised on the web-site and the main three village notice boards and at the Parish Office.
- **Public Meetings –** These are held for any large planning applications or subjects of interest to the village. Notices of the meeting are publicised in Ripples Village Magazine if timing allows, all our 9 notice boards, Parish Office, the library, Facebook and our Parish website also if possible a local press release.
- **Web Site –** The web site is used for consultation and comments. There is an email link directly back to the Parish Office. Extensive information regarding the Parish and the village can be found on this site.
- **Facebook –** The Parish Council currently puts articles on the Hullbridge Village Facebook page but will be launching a Parish Council Facebook page which there will be a link from our Website which residents can use to contact the Parish Council.
- **Public Question Time –** The public are continually invited to attend all Committee and Parish Council Meetings. There is a permitted time of 15 minutes allowed in all Agendas for the Public to speak.
- **Items on Agendas –** The public are continually invited to express their views and frequently send copies of their response to Planning Applications to the Parish Council and request items on Agendas for discussion.
- **Contact Details –** The Parish Council display contact details on the Web-Site. Noticeboards and editorials.

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- **Parish Plan** - The Parish Plan 2012 – 2014 was completed following a questionnaire which was sent to all residents. The Parish Council adopted the plan and now through an Action Plan is trying to turn the community-led vision set out in the Plan into reality.
- **Planning – Housing Policy and Vision Statement** - This document came from the Parish Plan and can be found on the Parish Council web-site and is used when sending comments from Hullbridge Parish Council to Rochford District Council on Planning Applications.
- **Christmas Tree / Fayre** - The Parish Council organises an Annual Village Christmas Fayre and provides the entertainment, a lighted Christmas Tree, and Christmas Lights. The Parish Council also runs several competitions including Chairman's Christmas Card Competition and Best Dress Shop.
- **Litter Picks** – The Parish Council purchased and provides litter pickers and usually arranges an Annual litter pick for the Community / Primary School to participate. .
- **Quarterly Councillor Surgery** – The Parish Council organises quarterly Surgeries at the Parish Office on a Saturday for member of the public to speak to Councillors on a one to one basis, any matters raised are put on the next Parish Council agenda.
- **Ripples Village Magazine** – The Parish Council includes a Newsletter and Annual Report in the publication which is delivered 4 times a year to every house in the village.
- **Community Meetings** – Bi-monthly the Parish Council along with residents attend the Community Meeting run by the Police to raise any issues with them.
- **Recreation Ground** – The Parish Council has managed due to residents demand fund the opening of the public toilets at the Recreation Ground also fund and sought funding (Communities Initiative Fund) to expand the play area in partnership with the District Council.
- **Youth Club** – The Parish Council supports the opening of the Youth Club also has financially contributed to it.

#### Future Community Engagement

- **Project Hullbridge** – The Parish Council has just launched a new project to save the river footpath, this is in its early stages but Residents will be requested to get involved by way of Ripples Village Magazine and via all other communication methods.
- **New Neighbours pack** – this Parish Council is currently putting together an information pack regarding the village which will be delivered by Councillors to welcome new residents to Hullbridge.

*All publications are available on the Parish Council Web Site which has links to local Business, clubs, schools churches and local authorities.*

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