



**East Wittering and
Bracklesham Parish
Council
Business Plan 2024-2027**

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Chairman's Introduction

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council's Business Plan 2024-2027 is a comprehensive roadmap that outlines our vision, strategies, and commitments to enhancing the quality of life for our community.

Our Parish is not just a collection of homes; it is a vibrant mix of diverse individuals, families, businesses, and visitors that contribute to the unique character of our villages. The purpose of the Business Plan is to guide our collective efforts towards fostering sustainable growth, promoting inclusivity, and ensuring that our parish remains a thriving and desirable place to live and work.

The Parish Council will work to deliver these plans these activities either directly or in partnership with others over the coming years.

The Council's Business Plan is a live document, it will be updated annually and published on our website to allow residents to track and monitor the progress.

Should you have any questions regarding the plan or any suggestions for additional items to be included in the annual review please contact the Parish Clerk on enquiries@eastwitteringbrackleshampc.org.uk.

Cllr. Brian Reeves

Chairman East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council.

Our Mission Statement: “To improve the quality of life for all of those living in, working in and visiting our Parish”

The Council Business Plan 2024-2027

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council’s Business Plan 2024-2027 sets out the Council’s services and projects planned for the next three years and its reasoning. It provides an overview of how the Council plans to improve East Wittering and Bracklesham.

The Parish Council is committed to engaging with its residents, to improve the quality of life for all of those living, working in and visiting our Parish.

During our BREW Vision consultations, East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council has listened carefully to your priorities, ideas, concerns and aspirations. This feedback has been used to inform this document.

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council is comprised of 11 elected Parish Councillors who collectively oversee four key areas. These are Our Community, Our Economy, Our Neighbourhood and Our Council.

The Business Plan is a live document and will be reviewed and updated annually.

The plan is divided into two distinct parts:

Part 1 – Projects and Initiatives 2024-2027

Councillors are elected for a term of four years. This section includes new projects for 2024-2027 and projects that are already in progress.

Part 2 – Partnership Working & Lobbying 2024-2027

The Parish Council cannot deliver its Vision for East Wittering and Bracklesham on its own, but it can work in partnership with the community, registered charities, partners, local authorities, government agencies and local businesses.

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council does not currently have all of the funding in place to deliver these projects. It will look to progress projects and funding opportunities as partnership and/or grants become available. It is important to publish the proposed projects to inform East Wittering and Bracklesham residents, Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council of East Wittering and Bracklesham’s current and future plans.

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council's Commitments

The following are funded by East Wittering and Bracklesham Council's share of The Council Tax:

Management and Maintenance:

- Bracklesham Barn.
- Bracklesham Park.
- Bracklesham Play Park.
- Bracklesham Outdoor Gym.
- Public Seats and Benches Bracklesham Park.
- CCTV Bracklesham Barn.
- Downview Pavilion.
- Downview Open Space.
- Downview Play Park.
- Public Seats and Benches Downview Open Space.
- Solar Street Lighting Downview Open Space.
- Booker Green.
- Public Seats and Benches Booker Green:
- Public Seats and Benches (other locations within the villages).
- Bus Shelter Stocks Lane.
- Village Clock.
- Village Entrance Signs.
- Speed Indicator Device Bracklesham Lane.
- Riparian Ditch Maintenance.

Provision:

- Contribute towards the costs of The Community Warden.
- Contribute towards the costs of The Mobile Tip.
- Contribution towards the costs of The Youth Worker.
- Community venues for hire including Licensed Wedding Venue.
- Community and Events Grants.
- Monthly Community Cinema.
- Additional Grass Verge Cutting In between West Sussex County Council's planned cuts.
- Additional Bin Emptying in between Chichester District Council's routine emptying.
- Additional Street Lighting.

Development of Projects and Initiatives:

- Sourcing of grants, maintaining and developing new partnerships with stakeholders to help improve East Wittering and Bracklesham.

Lobbying, Public Consultation and Relationship Building:

- Consultee on all planning applications, however the final decision is always made by the Local Planning Authority: Chichester District Council.
- Lobby Government, West Sussex County Council, Chichester District Council & other Government Agencies for improvements to services.

Part 1 – Projects & Initiatives 2024-2027

Our Community

We will work to create a safe, socially inclusive, and caring community which embraces all residents and visitors, race or religion and will seek to develop mutual cooperation and partnerships to achieve this.

What we will do to deliver our aims

- Provide two Community First Aid Courses per year. **Ongoing dates will be published.**
- Organise three Community Events per year. **Working in collaboration with other groups to provide:- Witterings Pride, D Day Event and Christmas Tree Lights Switch on events for 2024. Summer Picnic 2025.**
- Form an inter-organisation community committee comprised of members of local groups and councillors to help facilitate understanding of community needs and develop joint projects and solutions to address them. **Form the committee.**
- Create a volunteer database and establish an action team to help in the community at various events with various tasks. **Create a database and volunteer app.**
- Consider activities and investigate services that could be hosted at The Barn to provide access for vulnerable and disadvantaged residents, mitigating the need to travel out of the village. **Create a free coffee morning and toddler playgroup.**
- Liaise with standing committees such as the Manhood Peninsula Partnership (MPP), Surface Water Issues and Solutions (SWISH), Green links Across the Manhood (GLAM), Chichester District Association of Local Councils (CDALC), The Patient Participation Group and Community Warden Panel to advocate for residents' needs and aspirations. **Ongoing.**

Our Economy

We will ensure that all monies coming in to the Parish are spent responsibly to deliver value for money and we will support the local economy in any way that we can within our powers.

What we will do to deliver our aims

- Work with local businesses and statutory authorities to improve the retail and shopping areas. **Upgrade the existing planters, provide, and maintain new planters and plants. Refurbish the steps, handrails retaining wall, pathways, and disability access in East Wittering.**

Our Neighbourhood

We will maintain a voice for residents in advocating with statutory authorities for improved services and infrastructure. We will preserve open spaces for the enjoyment of all and ensure that there are adequate leisure and recreational opportunities to meet local requirements. We will encourage the preservation, promotion and conservation of our natural environment. We will make positive recommendations on planning issues and produce a Neighbourhood Plan to take better control of local development within the context of any changes in local and national planning policy.

What we will do to deliver our aims

- Complete a Neighbourhood Plan. **To be completed once Chichester District Council has a Local Plan in place.**
- Maintain all assets owned by The Parish Council. **Ongoing: upgrade of Downview Pavilion and Downview Play Park in 2024. Upgrade works to Bracklesham Barn 2025.**
- Consider all new plans with regard to maintaining existing street scenes and density of buildings. **Ongoing via the Planning Committee.**
- Work with external agencies to improve infrastructure around the villages. **Ongoing reporting of potholes, flooding, over grown vegetation, uncollected bins, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour and other concerns.**
- Continue to examine and undertake an assessment of existing local development plans at district and county levels so that we understand what is planned for our area. **Ongoing.**
- Ensure we are represented at all district and county organisations relating to our parish or rural affairs. **Ongoing.**
- Create an active programme in order to promote open dialogue with residents to understand their needs and to inform them of the Council's role and intentions. **To have a Parish Council presence at community events.**
- Improve and enhance the local environment wherever possible. **Ongoing additional grass verge cuts and bin emptying.**
- Make use of the software package, Parish Online to record and plan parish amenities and to make it available to the public. **Ongoing.**
- Complete an environmental audit of the Parish Council and its activities to better inform development of a climate emergency action plan. **Ongoing.**

Our Council

We will raise the profile of the Parish Council to form closer ties and improve communication with all community groups in the Parish and will contribute to and lead in uniting the community. We will maintain an active and open dialogue with residents to listen to understand their needs and inform them of the Council's role and intentions.

What we will do to deliver our aims

- Update and improve the Council's Website to make it easier to use and to comply with local government accessibility standards. **Work to commence during 2024.**
- Continually improve the use of social media. **Ongoing.**

- Regularly review that we are using the most appropriate communication platforms and channels and adapt our approach as required. **Ongoing.**
- Produce an at least twice-yearly newsletter, distributed through letterboxes, electronically, via noticeboards and included on social media. **Ongoing.**
- Liaise with youth groups and young people to understand their needs and act accordingly. **Continue to contribute to the provision of a Youth Worker.**

Part 2 - Partnership Working & Lobbying 2024-2027 and Beyond.

- Work to improve beach accessibility for all.
- Work to provide a raised jetty into the sea.
- Develop a local visitor economy.
- Work with local businesses to improve facilities in the villages.
- Work to develop sustainable and green policies, in particular cycle routes.
- Work to provide a covered walkway between Northern Crescent Car Park and Kingfisher Parade.
- Improve the parking provision for East Wittering and Bracklesham.
- Provide a safe point of crossing on Bracklesham Lane.
- Provide safety improvements to Clappers Lane.
- Investigate the possibility of a one-way traffic route along Cakeham Road.
- Investigate a new bus pull in on Bracklesham Lane.
- Investigate an extended bus service to include later services into the evenings.
- Investigate the provision of a satellite doctors' surgery in Bracklesham.
- Develop a community services support hub.
- Provide drainage for the football pitches at Downview Open Space.
- Work with local businesses to provide a water sports hub in Bracklesham.
- Lobby for sewage system improvements.