



WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL **POLICIES (2020)**

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

- D.1** To oppose further development anywhere in the parish until the road network is improved to accommodate the additional traffic generated by development with the exception of D2 and D3.
- D.2** The only exception to the above to be very small scale limited infilling where Council judges the road network is satisfactory. Rural exceptions sites would also be an exception.
- D.3** To support and encourage the development of small businesses in the village.
- D.4** To encourage pitched roof features on all house extensions.
- D.5** Should the opportunity for further development, along with improved infrastructure, arise, support will be given to mixed residential development in the maximization of planning gain to provide as many community facilities as possible.
- D.6** Supports development on brownfield sites within the Parish
- D.7** Opposes all building on countryside and areas of separation to protect and maintain the rural quality of Whetstone

ENVIRONMENT

- E.1** To adopt and manage in such a way that they be public assets, all public open spaces in the parish.
- E.2** To establish new, and enrich existing, wildlife areas in the parish, also manage both so as to encourage a richness of wildlife habitat as a recreational facility for residents.
- E.3** To do whatever is possible to improve the physical appearance of the builtup area of the parish.
- E.4** Having regard to air quality, noise pollution and to reducing the undesirable effects of development both in and around the parish.
- E.5** To protect and maintain the rural quality of Whetstone.

COMMUNITY

- C.1** To install and manage children's play areas on the major public open spaces.
- C.2** To provide the necessary range of leisure and recreational facilities for the growing population of Whetstone and to make provision ahead of any projected future development. This is to include both sports and countryside recreational activities.
- C.3** To manage use of the Cemetery Road premises so that they serve the community.
- C.4** To promote the role of the Parish Council as an agent of development and service provision in Whetstone and to raise the profile of this so that there might be both greater understanding of it and a higher level of participation in community development among parishioners. This, with a high level of public

consultation on relevant issues - including the future development of Whetstone - is intended to develop among residents a deeper and more cohesive sense of community.

- C.5** To support community groups and activities within the parish by offering advice and support, use of Council premises, and grants of money, earmarking a sum in each annual budget.
- C.6** To encourage and promote activities for all age groups both to meet their particular social needs and to enable them to have some stake in the life and development of the Whetstone Community.

FINANCE

- F.1** Council's expenditure shall be determined by the costs of meeting the above policy demands to a level the relevant sections of the community finds acceptable.
- F.2** A target of 7.5% of annual expenditure shall be derived from sources other than the precept.
- F.3** Precept levels shall have regard to, but not be determined by, annual inflation levels.
- F.4** Expenditure shall be monitored in general at each monthly meeting and in detail at the quarterly meetings of the Finance Working Party to ensure that it is in line with policies and that the aim of achieving 'best value' is met.
- F.5** As Council accounts are subject to annual public audit, Council will have regard to auditor's recommendations.
- F.6** The general reserve figure should be a target of 50% of precept.