

# Milborne Port Parish Council

## Action Plan for 2023

### **During the year 2023 Milborne Port Parish Council will undertake the following actions:**

- ✓ Maintain, improve and promote the use of recreation grounds and facilities such as the Gainsborough Play Park & Springfield play park and recreation ground.
- ✓ Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish.
- ✓ Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish of Milborne Port, particularly in relation to South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council.
- ✓ Engage with the community, including parishioners, local businesses, community groups and organisations in Milborne Port, including by maintaining an up-to-date website and social media presence in the village.
- ✓ Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parishioners of Milborne Port and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression.
- ✓ Work with key local groups for the benefit of residents.
- ✓ Explore opportunities with local groups and organisations for enhancing the social welfare of the village & increasing community resilience.
- ✓ Decide priorities for the use of S106 funds allocated directly to Milborne Port Parish, using community engagement, and accessing other sources of investment, and ensuring the S106 money is spent in a timely manner.
- ✓ Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through meetings of the Council /Committees, supported by appropriate working groups.
- ✓ Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money, building on the reporting capacity of the finance software (inc. providing spend and forecast spend reports).
- ✓ Identify and secure sources of funding to advance Milborne Port priorities.
- ✓ Promote training and induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.
- ✓ Maintain good governance, including adhering to relevant benchmarks to achieve Foundation Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.

### **Key projects for 2023/2024 include:**

#### **Full Council:**

- ❖ Extension of play equipment at Springfield (using S106 money)

- ❖ Extension of changing facility at the football pavilion (using S106 money)
- ❖ Set up youth council or other appropriate body.
- ❖ Gain Local council award.
- ❖ Install QE II Memorial bench & other street furniture around the Parish.
- ❖ Establish Springfield legal setup.
- ❖ Explore possible refit of tennis courts (S106).
- ❖ Install a youth shelter at Springfield & ball stop nets.

#### **Planning & (Built) Environment** (inc. Highways):

- ❖ Explore multi-use path to Sherborne / better ways to access off road.
- ❖ Install and maintain highways benches.
- ❖ To continue to explore measures to reduce car speeds within the parish.
- ❖ Start planning the project for the fitting out and opening of the community hub.

#### **Management** (Council owned property and land):

- ❖ Install fencing at Gainsborough play park (S106)
- ❖ Establish wildflower area (Cemetery extension)
- ❖ Sandblast and paint railings at Churchyard and Cemetery
- ❖ Improve allotments entrance
- ❖ Landscape Springfield entrance
- ❖ Install kneeling fence at Springfield entrance