



BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MISSION, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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Amendment Sheet

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Mission – To work on behalf of the people of Bishopstoke to enhance our village as a great place to live, work and visit.

Aim 1 – To improve, and protect, our environment for residents and wildlife.

Aim 2 – To promote better health & well-being outcomes for all.

Aim 3 – To strengthen a sense of place.

Aim 4 – To encourage residents to become more involved in the life of the village.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1** Bishopstoke Parish Council recognises that, as the closest tier of government to local residents, and with responsibility for local play areas, allotments, burial grounds and other areas, it can have a direct impact on the lives of many local residents. The Mission, Aims and Objectives as stated above are intended to sum up the impact that the Council wants to have on Bishopstoke and the people who live, work and visit it.

2 Applying the Mission and Aims

- 2.1** The Council impacts Bishopstoke and its residents in many ways. We aim to be guided by the Mission, Aims and Objectives in everything we do – from the day-to-day business of the Council through to one-off projects.
- 2.2** Every project the Council brings forward will have as part of its project brief a short description of how it will take account of and affect the stated Mission, Aims and Objectives. Any negative impacts will need to be mitigated or alternatively justified by the larger positives that the project brings for Bishopstoke.
- 2.3** The Council is able to give grants to local charities and community groups, and with the Power of General Competence to individuals as well. As part of the grant application, the applicant must explain the benefits that providing the grant will bring for Bishopstoke and its residents, specifically referring to the Mission, Aims and Objectives of the Council. Grants that have a stronger connection to them are more likely to be approved.
- 2.4** In the everyday business of the Council decisions will be taken not just on the basis of cost, but will also include a consideration of the Mission, Aims and Objectives. As an example the Council may decide to choose the more expensive option of jet washing a play area more frequently with water over jet washing less frequently using chemicals because it feels that the increase in cost is justified by not using chemicals that may be harmful to the environment.

3 Review

- 3.1** Bishopstoke Parish Council will review its Mission, Aims and Objectives at least every four years following elections. It may choose to review them more frequently if circumstances warrant it.