



## **ACTION PLAN**

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## **Kimpton Parish Council**

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Kimpton Parish Council (KPC) constantly strives to work on behalf of the community to enhance the quality of life for residents, to maintain a strong community spirit and to uphold the village identity. KPC will be a strong voice for residents and local businesses on matters that are important to them.

KPC will provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development. Councillors are keen to receive ideas and suggestions from parishioners on areas of interest or concerns and where it is felt that the parish council may assist.

This action plan was informed by:

- Kimpton Parish Plan 2012
- Kimpton Housing Survey 2019
- The views of Parish Councillors
- Community representation at meetings
- Community engagement on social media

The Action Plan will be reviewed annually following confirmation of the budget for the following financial year.

#### **A) Aspirations of Kimpton Parish Council (what the council wants the Parish to be)**

1. Ensure Kimpton Parish is a place where all residents can enjoy a healthy lifestyle.
2. Support non-profit making public amenities that provide valued service to the community through grants and practical support.
3. Protect the surrounding countryside from inappropriate development.
4. Protect the village appearance from poor planning.
5. Ensure Kimpton Parish is a place where its occupants feel safe in their home and surroundings.
6. Work with the Police and HCC to improve road safety and parking.
7. Have a strong local economy and job opportunities.
8. Increase public involvement in the community by ensuring the parish council is open, transparent and accountable to residents.
9. Work towards the whole of the parish becoming cleaner and greener with the lowest carbon footprint possible.

#### **B) Objectives within the Financial Year 2023/24**

10. Councillor Training and Clerk training and development to be offered.
11. Complete Kimpton Pavilion Refurbishment Project.
12. Generate a plan for additional recreational/sporting facilities at Parkfield Sports Ground.
13. Liaise with Hertfordshire County Council on the implementation of a 20mph speed restriction in Kimpton.
14. Regularly maintain Kimpton PC website and ensure that it complies with GDPR requirements.
15. Continue to have a presence on social media platforms to help increase communication with the community.
16. Complete hedgerow planting scheme around car park at Parkfield Sports Ground.

17. Encourage the community to get involved with climate change initiatives.
18. Review the organisation for Kimpton Christmas Market 2023
19. Review the condition of the access roads to Parkfield Sports Ground and Recreation Ground and instigate remedial works.
20. Review the condition of the roadway around The Green and instigate remedial works.
21. Support Kimpton Primary School and Kimpton Pre-School to ensure high quality education establishments are serving the children of the parish.
22. Liaise with developers on the construction of affordable housing for use by local people and key workers.

Project plans will be devised for the above short-term objectives which will inform the communications and engagement strategy.

**C) Medium Term Objectives (12 -24 months)**

23. Build a working relationship with the new Area Highway Engineer when appointed.
24. Lobby for constraint of negative impact from any expansion of Luton Airport.
25. Lobby for a safe cycle route from Kimpton to Harpenden.
26. Continue to liaise with Bridge Cottage Surgery and other GPs and health providers servicing the parish.
27. Use of s106 contributions to mitigate the effects of local development.

**D) Long Term Objectives (24 months or greater)**

28. Encourage more employment in the local area.
29. Encourage more volunteers to get involved with community fund raising or projects.