

## **Measham Parish Council**

### **Statement of Intent for Community Engagement**

#### **Aims and Objectives**

Measham Parish Council values the opinions of all members of the community; it wants to hear the needs and concerns of everyone it represents. The Parish Council wants to create an effective working relationship with all members of the community as it is strongly believed that the community should take an active part in decisions which affect their village. The Parish Council also want to give residents a better understanding of how local councils operate and to improve satisfaction of council services.

#### **Defining the Community**

The Parish Council consider that the community consists of the following:

- Residents of the parish
  
- All those who work, own retail and other businesses within the parish
  
- School children who attend the primary and pre-schools
  
- Users of all the various services provided within the parish
  
- Members and organisers of voluntary organisations and community groups

#### **Outcomes**

- Improved communication through the establishment of new channels of engagement
  
- More residents understanding the role of Councillors and getting the best effect
  
- Improved engagement with local communities, with more people feeling that they are involved in decision-making and a higher percentage of people involved in volunteering
  
- Improved satisfaction with local public services

#### **Provision of Information to the Community**

There are many ways in which Measham Parish Council provide information to the community, these include:

- Parish Office situated at Measham Leisure Centre, Off High Street, Measham, DE12 7HR. The office is staffed Monday to Friday and can provide a wealth of information

about parish council services along with signposting and assisting with other village matters, activities and issues.

- The Parish Council has a comprehensive website at [www.meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk). On here there is information relating to all aspects of the parish council work and services, information about the village and other communities and associations. Burial searches, polls and questionnaires can all be carried out through the website as well as viewing minutes and agendas, policies and procedures. There is also a contact us facility for people to use who may be accessing the site from a public computer such as in a library or where they cannot access their emails.
- Notice board on Mary's Corner and at the cemetery and offices primarily for displaying agendas but contains other information relating to parish and village affairs.
- Parish meeting question and answers session from the public
- Annual Report provided at the Annual Parish Meeting held in May each year
- Parish Matters Community new sheet published each month and distributed throughout the village
- New Resident packs given when people move into the village; this contains a wealth of local information and contacts.
- Twitter @Meashampc
- Questionnaires and polls as required
- Public meetings as required

### **Opportunities for Formal Representations to the Council**

Formal representations to the council may be made at anytime in writing by post or email to the Parish Clerk and provision for public questions and answers is made prior to the full council meeting.

### **Involvement in Partnerships**

The Parish Council works in partnerships with many other organisations such as North West Leicestershire District Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Measham Leisure Centre. The Parish Council also has representatives on the following groups and committees:

- Ashby Canal Forum
- Measham Age UK
- Measham Millennium Green
- Measham Tenants & Residents Association
- Measham United Charities
- Measham Welfare Junior Football Club
- Redbank Liaison Committee
- Thomas Monke Charity
- Measham Community Library
- Measham Village Hall

### **Role of Council Members and Officers**

Council members are the elected decision makers of the Parish Council. They can be contacted through the Parish Office.

The Council's Officers are employed to carry out the day to day functions of the Council and make sure that its services are provided for the local community. The Parish Clerk is the Proper Officer for the council which means she has overall responsibility for the provision of Council Services.

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