



West Monkton Parish Council

## Vision and Objectives

### Who we are

The Parish Council is made up of nine Parish Councillors and a team of three Clerks who are all passionate about our local area.

### What we do

The Parish Council works collaboratively with members of the community and partners to deliver our vision and objectives for the Parish, going over and above what is expected from a Parish Council.

### Vision

Our vision is for West Monkton Parish Council and the local community to work together to protect and improve the social, recreational and environmental well-being of West Monkton and the lives of all who live, visit or work here.

Priorities		
Our Environment	Our Community	Our Parish Council
<b>Objectives</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work towards making the parish of West Monkton more carbon neutral by 2030 by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enabling the planting of trees in the parish in public areas and private gardens.</li> <li>○ Provide electric vehicle charging points in the parish for use by all.</li> <li>○ Enable further provision of electric scooters in the Parish</li> <li>○ Promote the use of public and sustainable transport.</li> <li>○ Deliver a hi-vis initiative to encourage children to cycle and walk to school safely.</li> <li>○ Deliver a seed swap initiative in the Parish.</li> <li>○ Deliver a community transport scheme for the Parish</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take action of understand our community members including their skills, needs and capacity by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conducting a parish wide community survey with the support of community volunteers</li> <li>○ Develop a database from the results of the survey</li> <li>○ Use the survey results to develop a community building strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide a Community Website</li> <li>• Improve existing and deliver new cycle and foot paths across the Parish.</li> <li>• Explore the use of an app and fitbits in the Community to encourage members to be active and improve their wellbeing</li> <li>• Provide grants to charitable, small and local groups to deliver goods or services for the benefit of members of the community of the Parish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be an open, transparent and pro-active Parish Council.</li> <li>• Raise the profile of the Parish Council to ensure that members of the community understand the work we do and the difference it makes.</li> <li>• Take an active role in the Local Government Reorganisation discussion in forming a Unitary Council for Somerset and engage and shape the structure of Local Community Networks.</li> <li>• Use Community Infrastructure Levy receipts to support the delivery of parish priorities and objectives.</li> <li>• Apply for available grant funding to support the delivery of parish priorities and objectives.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide grant funding for individuals and organisations for Climate Change projects based in the Parish, up to £500.00</li> <li>○ Promote recycling and reusing in the Parish</li> <li>○ Deliver workshops to improve understanding and support our community to take steps to improve our environment.</li> <li>○ Enquire about local milk delivery services to understand the environmental / carbon saving of community use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage all members of our Community by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supporting community groups to provide additional activities including a Christmas Disco and an annual outdoor activity / trip.</li> <li>○ Develop a Youth Council</li> <li>○ Support street parties and competitions</li> <li>○ Deliver a wellbeing event for the whole community</li> <li>○ Organise events for the community including a quiz, bingo and workshops and others requested by the community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Take steps to enable members of the community to give ideas of what the Parish Council should do and how money should be spent.</li> <li>● Ensure that the Parish Council and the work it does has a good presence on social media platforms.</li> <li>● Ensure value for money.</li> <li>● Publicise information about how the Parish Council spends money in an understandable format.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deliver the Neighbourhood Plan Vision<sup>1</sup></li> <li>● Deliver the Maidenbrook Country Park Vision<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>		
<p><b>How will we know if we have been successful?</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain a list / map logging all new trees planted in the parish</li> <li>● Number of electric charging points provided in the parish</li> <li>● Improvements in Air Quality</li> <li>● Improvements in Water Quality</li> <li>● Increase in recycling levels in the community</li> <li>● Increased use of public transport</li> <li>● Use of community transport</li> <li>● Workshop attendance</li> <li>● Grant funding provided</li> <li>● Increase in electric scooter use</li> <li>● Reduction in Parish carbon footprint</li> <li>● Improved EPC ratings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Response rate to community survey</li> <li>● Use of community website including visits and the number of articles and events added.</li> <li>● Use of app and logs of activity by the community</li> <li>● Grant funding provided</li> <li>● Attendance at the community groups / clubs</li> <li>● Attendance at events and workshops</li> <li>● Improved sense of community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Successful delivery of projects</li> <li>● Grant funding received</li> <li>● Number of ideas received from members of the community</li> <li>● Social media engagement levels</li> <li>● Number of downloads of published information from PC website.</li> <li>● Access of services</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Neighbourhood Plan Vision: To successfully accommodate the significant growth planned for the area; to ensure a high quality of design with the creation of sustainable places with excellent community facilities for local people to enjoy and during this period of growth, the historic settlements and surrounding countryside will be protected to maintain and enhance the locally distinctive characteristics of the area for future generations.

<sup>2</sup> Maidenbrook Country Park Vision: To create and maintain open parkland and paths in a tranquil environment; and provide a fitting permanent woodland memorial to the 11,281 people from Somerset who lost their lives in the First World War. This place is for the people, their future health, well-being and prosperity.