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**Castle Donington Parish Council**

**Strategic Aims & Delivery Objectives**

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**Parish Council’s Vision**

The Parish Council’s Vision is to provide high-quality services and support the needs of the local community and recognising this is only sustained by ensuring the resources are available.

**Mission Statement:**

“The Parish Council exists to ensure that, within the resources available, the parish, its environment and local services are maintained to the highest possible standards for citizens, visitors and those who work in Castle Donington.

The Parish Council will facilitate and help to provide a focus for civic pride and community spirit, listen, identify and respond to agreed local needs and will develop a strong, secure, self-reliant and self-confident community”.

**Strategic Aims and Delivery Objectives (2024/2025)**

The Council has a number of Strategic Aims which are reviewed and developed as part of the annual review of the Council’s Business Plan.

Each Aim is supported by specific delivery objectives.

1. ***Improve Community understanding of parish councils’***

**Aim:** To gain accreditation through Local Council Award Scheme.

**Delivery Objectives 2024/2025:**

1. Complete all the requirements of the Foundation level of the Award.
2. Create new policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Foundation level of the Award.
3. Once obtained, promote the Award and what it means to the Community.
4. Produce more frequent newsletters highlighting the work of the Parish Council.
5. Reviewing the layout and content of the Parish Council’s website.
6. Encourage and support councillors to hold more frequent Open House sessions.
7. ***Improve Our Green Spaces***

**Aim:** To enhance our existing parks, cemetery and open spaces, and positively secure additional open green spaces for the benefit of the local community.

**Delivery Objectives 2024/2025:**

1. Complete the purchase of the land behind Moira Dale playing field.
2. Complete the transfer of the open space land and play area on the Foxbridge development.
3. Apply for the Green Flag award.
4. To develop an investment plan to enhance the parks, cemetery and open spaces.
5. **Plan Positively**

**Aim:** To utilise the planning framework to help achieve positive and sustainable outcomes.

**Delivery Objectives 2024/2025:**

1. Strengthen ability to influence outcomes through positive and regular and relevant training.
2. Encourage good relationships with developers to maximise the potential opportunities through planning gain.
3. To consider the local needs through the planning system to ensure a vibrant and active community is retained.
4. To comment and respond to all local and national consultation plans and documents.
5. To protect the individuality and area that is Castle Donington.
6. **Net Zero and bio-diversity**

**Aim:** To strive to improve the council’s activities in respect of all environmental issues.

**Delivery Objectives 2024/2025:**

1. Embed climate and environmental awareness in all decision making and promote across the Parish.
2. Establish a plan of action to achieve and improve carbon neutrality.
3. Create a policy in respect of bio-diversity.
4. To consider and review the impacts the role of bio-diversity and the natural environment has on all the functions and services of the Parish Council.
5. Strengthen ability to influence outcomes through regular training and raising awareness of bio-diversity issues.
6. **Boost our community**

**Aim:** To provide support for partners, community organisations, facilities and events, responding to the needs of the community.

**Delivery Objectives 2024/2025:**

1. Create and review the community engagement policy.
2. Strengthen and grow community activities and initiatives with an aim of reducing social isolation and improving health and well-being.
3. Work with partners and local organisations to improve the offer of Castle Donington and to improve the feeling of safety whilst building-on community resilience.
4. Strengthen and review the way the Council responds to the needs of all areas of the community.

***Adopted by Castle Donington Parish Council at its meeting on 25 April 2024.***