

Executive Summary of the Nailsea Parish Plan October 2009

Summary

The Nailsea Parish Plan is made up of the following four documents in addition to this Executive Summary.

1. **'Nailsea Town Council Baseline Review, August 2006'**. This is the detailed analysis and research forming the key evidence base for the preparation of the parish plan consultation.
2. **'Towards a Nailsea Parish Plan October 2008'**. This is the report on the parish plan consultation in 2008. The consultation included all households (34% of which responded), businesses and young people.
3. **'Policy Statements' (subject to annual review)**. These address the priorities raised by the parish plan research and consultation and the Town Council's policies in these areas.
4. **'Parish Plan Actions' (subject to continuous review)**. These are the actions and objectives which the Town Council has agreed to take in support of the Policy Statements.

Any of these documents can be read in isolation or together.

The purpose of this group of documents is to ensure that the Parish Plan can develop and adapt in response to inevitable change. The Town Council will regularly (at least annually) review the Policy Statements to ensure that they remain relevant and that the Council continues to focus on them as priorities. Also, the Town Council will, directly and through various committees, maintain a continuous review of the agreed actions and objectives. The Town Council will also review its annual budgets to identify what resources it is committing to achieving its policies and actions.

How will the Town Council implement the Parish Plan?

The Role of the Town Council encompasses three main strands and, within its statutory role, it will use the approach which it regards as best suited to achieving its objectives:

1. **Direct powers.** The statutory powers of Town Councils are quite limited, but where it has the power to act in the best interests of the residents the Town Council will seek to do so. This includes committing financial and staff resources in providing services or pursuing objectives.
2. **Supporting the work of others.** Where the Council does not have the power or resources, or is not the most appropriate body to take a lead role in an activity it will seek to support local groups who wish to develop their own social, cultural, recreational, community and charitable activities. This support will, where appropriate, take the form of advice and encouragement with financial support by means of grants and occasionally, loans.
3. **Advocate for Nailsea.** The Council works to ensure that other bodies, especially North Somerset Council, fulfil their obligations towards residents. It will continue to represent the interests of Nailsea with statutory and other bodies for the benefit of residents.