

Sandon and Burston Parish Council – www.sandonandburstonpc.org.uk/
Community Engagement Statement/Policy

1. Purpose

Sandon and Burston Parish Council believes that engaging with the local community is essential to making informed decisions and improving the quality of life in our area. We are committed to fostering active citizenship and ensuring that all residents, businesses, and community groups can influence the decisions that affect them.

2. Commitment to Engagement

The Council will ensure that:

Information is accessible: We will publish agendas, minutes, and reports via our website, notice boards, and our opt – in e-newsletter.

Consultation is meaningful: We will consult on key projects within the Parish.

Transparency: The Council comments regarding planning applications will be included in the minutes, all planning applications will be on our website. Our budget setting will be held over two meetings and the final budget and Audit forms are on our website.

Inclusivity: We will work to ensure our engagement reaches all sections of the community, particularly those that are rarely heard.

3. Ways the Public can engage with the Council

Public Meetings: Attending bimonthly Parish Council meetings, which include dedicated public participation sessions.

Direct Contact: Contacting the Parish Clerk or Ward Councillors via phone or email.

Surveys & Consultations: Responding to council-led surveys and consultations on local issues.

Annual Parish Meeting: Attending the annual meeting to hear the Chairman's report and raise questions.

4. Our Goals

To build trust and transparency between residents and the Council.

To promote partnership working to meet community needs.

To strengthen communication via the website, social media, and newsletters.

5. Monitoring Success

The Council will review this statement annually to ensure it remains relevant and effective in engaging with the community.

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