



Ripponden Parish Council

The Council's aim is:

To support the development of facilities and community life in the Parish Council area in environmentally sustainable ways.

The Council's objectives are:

Communities	To engage with voluntary groups in the area, providing practical support and grants available from the Parish Council and through accessing external sources funding.
Health	To encourage access to open spaces and promote health and well-being by developing projects as well as supporting community amateur sports organisations.
Environment	To encourage sustainable lifestyles and a high quality local environment.
Planning	Wherever possible, to ensure that the Planning Authority supports new development, sympathetic to the parish and does not detract from the scenery and openness of the area.
Transport	To promote the improvement of public transport and encourage its increased use by the general public. To promote safe driving through the villages To promote safe walking and cycling routes
Representation	To listen to the views of the local population and make representation on its behalf to the relevant agencies and Calderdale Council, as appropriate.

The Council's responsibilities include:

- Maintenance of an adequate and legal accounting system, conforming to the current Audit and Accounts regulations.
- Following lawful procedure in respect of the decision making process.
- Maintenance of safe environments' for the general public, Members of the Council and employees by ensuring adequate health and safety procedures are in place and risk management procedures are carried out wherever the Parish Council has a responsibility.
- Compliance with employment legislation.
- Maintenance of all noticeboards provided by the Parish Council.
- Maintenance of the Parish Council seats and planters.
- Maintenance of Ebenezer Graveyard, Soyland in line with legislation and health and safety requirements.
- Maintenance of the three Parish Council owned BT telephone Kiosks.
- Continue to lease the land at Riverside Meadows to safeguard its openness for the future.
- The safe keeping of the Civic regalia and all Council property.

Action Plan for 2018/19:

Special Projects:

- To complete the development of a Neighbourhood Plan by 31st December 2018
- To produce a Commemoration Booklet for the Centenary of the end of the First World War by September/October 2018
- To support the installation of Defibrillators throughout the Parish
- In partnership with Calderdale Council, actively pursue the implementation of CCTV in Parish hotspots

Core Business:

- To actively pursue traffic & parking issues
- Have representation on relevant outside bodies on behalf of the Parish
- Maintain effective communication with the West Yorkshire Police regarding crime, traffic issues and staffing levels
- To organise community events such as the annual Good Citizens Award, Michaelmas Show, Remembrance Sunday, Garden Competition and Christmas Lights 'Switch on' for the Parish
- Maintain effective communication via the Parish Council website and other social media
- Continue to work with local community and Community groups to enhance and improve the local area, utilising the Parish Council's grant schemes
- To lead, encourage and explore opportunities to create a Dementia Friendly Parish
- To continue to explore the feasibility of additional Christmas lights throughout the parish. In particular Rishworth, Barkisland and Soyland