

# Langar Cum Barnstone Parish Council

## Policy on Community Engagement

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### *(What is our official ambition?)*

**It is the purpose of Langar Cum Barnstone Parish Council to represent the needs of its parishioners in an effective manner. As a Parish council we aim to act effectively through engagement with the community that we represent.**

This will go beyond consultation, our aim being to engage residents who will participate in decision-making, working alongside us to design, deliver, and monitor services, and vote at elections, so ensuring that people have the opportunities and capacity to be effective citizens.

Our overall aim is:

To ensure, through a wide range of public consultation and community engagement, that the Parish Council actively listens and considers the views of its parishioners as an integral part of its decision-making process.

Our objectives are to:

- Agree shared ambitions for the locality and the community.
- Strengthen the Council's democratic engagement with, and accountability to, its residents.
- Be an organisation that consults and communicates with the community and service providers.
- Develop working relationships with voluntary and community-sector partners to deliver local priorities and improve quality of life.
- Nurture vibrant and active communities, which can take up the opportunities to have a voice and choice in relation to public services and decision-making.
- Devolve power where appropriate to voluntary and community groups.

Adopted by Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council at its meeting held on (16 November 2017).