



Banwell Parish Council

Action Plan 2026 / 2027

The Parish Council takes its responsibility very seriously and strives continually to improve Banwell to make it a pleasant village where people are proud to be part of our community. Its aims are.

1. **Facilities & Amenities** - To continually promote the best interests of all members of the local community by providing facilities and amenities in the parish not provided by the Unitary Authority e.g.: a cemetery, a community centre, open spaces (Recreation Ground & Riverside).
2. **Direct Services** - Where the Parish Council provides direct services, it will do so ethically and endeavours to maintain high professional standards and a quality service. It feels that such quality is the expectation of the parishioners and will not compromise these standards.
3. **Communication** - The Parish Council aims to be a "Listening Council" and encourages you to let us know your opinions, comments and concerns. Where needed, we will act promptly to pass onto other local authorities or bodies, concerns which we cannot deal with ourselves, problems within the powers of the Parish Council will be passed to the relevant committees.
4. **The Local Environment** - The Parish Council has declared a climate emergency. It will operate and promote positive measures impacting the environment while reducing and eliminating adverse impacts. The Parish Council will use appropriate policy (principles of action to be formally adopted by the Parish Council) and planned activities.

When the Parish Council set their budget for the next financial year, members try and think about the aims above and using the Strategic Plan and its associated Action Plan the budget reflects what the council can do to achieve their aspirations in the next year and beyond.

These may include ensuring there is a small financial provision to enable the improvements / events to be made and in addition often applications can be made to both local and national funding bodies to provide those facilities which otherwise would not have been possible.

Our Plan therefore includes 4 sections:

- Facilities & Amenities
- Direct Services
- Communication
- The Local Environment.

Please have a look at our action plan and if you feel you can help or become involved in any way then please contact us.

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Facilities & Amenities			
Aims	Objectives	Budget Implication	Timescale
1.1 Develop & Enhance	1.11 In conjunction with the NSC Local Plan and Bypass Teams to support village improvements.	No cost except officer time. Mitigation taken out of Stage 2 build. Local Plan work only.	Ongoing
	1.13 To continue to investigate a New Cemetery within the Parish boundaries.	No cost except officer time. Awaiting report from Government on cemeteries.	Winter 26/27
1.2 Wellbeing	1.21 To continue to ensure all open spaces well cared for & enhanced.	Resurface and reline MUGA Approx £15,000. CIL project	Spring 26
		Outdoor gym equipment. CIL project	Spring 26
	1.22 Run events and activities to support mental & physical wellbeing across all sections of the community.	Public living rooms £120 refresh Soup & a Roll self-financing Banwell Walks No cost except officer time Budget included within Env Projects – see aim 4.	Ongoing
		Mead Fields surgery, spring / summer clean, community picnic. £120 refreshments.	
		Summer Holiday Youth Activities £5000 Extra ordinary activities budgeted for.	Summer 26
		Support Banwell FC Men's Shed and start a monthly repair café at the YCC Poss £200 for tutor – env habitats budget.	Summer 26
	1.22 Continue the Remembrance Day Parade.	Bypass contractors have agreed to support.	Oct /Nov
	1.23 Promote positive planning and influencing local development.	Meetings of Wolverhill Development Groups. No cost except officer time.	Ongoing
	1.24 Safeguarding the separate identities of Banwell and the new Village and their environs.	No financial implication	Ongoing
	1.25 Support the implementation of 20mph & road calming measures.	Design 2026. Mitigation 2027. No current financial implication	Ongoing
1.3 Inclusivity	1.31 Ensure the type and frequency of Parish Council events reflects a wide range of community interests.	Park Yoga poss. IA funding Chair Yoga NSC funding Mead Fields events and groups	Summer 26
	1.32 Promote and support local voluntary groups and events held.	Working with Impact Alliance on a Mendip Villages website & ap	Spring 26
	1.33 Ensure that the Parish Council continues to provide diverse and inclusive facilities.	Clerk to look at ARUP report and agree next steps.	Summer 26
	1.34 Encourage the use of the YCC for community services / activities.	Utilities & officer time	Ongoing

	<u>Direct Services</u>		
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Time
2.1 Improve organisational management & efficiency	2.11 Reviewing the staffing structure and objectives to ensure they reflect changing legislative and community needs.	Reviewed in March 26 increase in Clerk hours. New Finance Officer.	Sept 26
2.2 Develop and implement a fixed assets strategy	2.21 Developing a fixed assets map.	Civicy App budgeted for 2026/27. Cllr Base to support uploading of YCC assets.	Summer 26
	2.22 Developing a formal fixed assets maintenance program.	As above. Cllr Base to support adding maintenance info.	Autumn 25 onwards
	2.23 Evaluating the Youth & Community Centre as a community and office space in the short, medium & long term.	No cost except officer time. Office to be considered at YCC meeting in Sept	Autumn 26
	2.25 Continue to evaluate cost v benefit analyses associated with the provision of playgrounds and open spaces	Advertising budget below for consultation. No additional cost except officer time	Autumn 25
	2.26 New Defibrillator in Meadfields.	Purchased in 25/26 but out of stock. Reconsider. Install. Training	April 26 May 26 June 26
2.3 Improve forward-planning	2.31 Developing succession planning for and flexibility in staff.	New Finance Officer Clerk to produce handover document.	Sept 26
	2.33 To identify Parish Council projects.	No cost except officer time. Tea & Buns	June 26
	2.34 Considering future opportunities and challenges, including anticipated increases in powers and responsibilities. SWOT analysis.	No cost except officer time. Meeting with Wolverhill Development Groups.	Ongoing
2.4 Pursue all possible appropriate forms of alternative revenue and funding	2.41 Advancing project planning to facilitate timely release of funds.	No cost except officer time.	Ongoing
	2.42 Maximising Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levy monies available.	No cost except officer time	Ongoing
	2.43 Grant funding	Env Officer has been given 2hrs a week.	Ongoing

	<u>Communication</u>		
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Time
3.1 Understanding our Community	Community feedback survey on Rec and Riverside over the Summer.	Parish Mag £100 printing £100	July 26
3.2 Engaging with our Community	3.21 Additional noticeboards at Mead Fields. Replace West Street noticeboard.	Purchased. Installation £100 Wall mounted £500	April 26 June 26 July 26
	3.22 To continue the quarterly electronic Banwell enewsletter and improve volume of sign ups	No additional cost – Comms Officer hours.	Ongoing
	3.26 Improve the accessibility, relevance, ease of use and immediacy of our communication channels, including social media.	In budgets £650 all advertising – Comms Officer in post.	Ongoing
3.3 Involving our community	3.31 Work with NSC & the Wolverhill Developers to create a Wolverhill Master Plan.	No cost except officer time.	Ongoing

	The Local Environment		
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Timescale
4.1 Act sustainably including adopting a reduce, reuse, recycle strategy.	4.11 Promote and provide opportunities for the reduction of waste and increase of recycling. Produce sharing table.	Poss £200 for a workshop Comms Officer hrs &	Ongoing
	4.13 Raise environmental awareness amongst employees and the community	Officer time & £150 for a workshop	various
	4.14 Review & reduce energy costs and associated emissions. Look at options suggested in ARUP report.	No additional costs except Officer hours. Poss grant funding.	Summer 26
	Investigation of Community Energy Scheme.	Cllr Arlidge & Voller	Ongoing
4.2 Protect and enhance wildlife and the environment and promote biodiversity.	4.21 Creation of Hedgehog highways	Env Officer to share and speak to Wolverhill developers	Winter 2026
	4.23 To investigate ways of improving biodiversity	Use of Ecology Survey to create management plans.	June 2025
	4.24 To investigate the creation of additional habitats.	Additional trees Animal / Bird / Insect boxes. Env budget.	Autumn 2026
4.3 Environment and the decision-making process	4.31 To work with North Somerset's Local Plan team to make it as green as possible with Strategic Green Gap	No cost except officer time.	Ongoing
	4.33 Research funding possibilities for climate projects	No cost except officer time.	Ongoing
	4.35 To continue climate communications plan and regularly update with latest news and advice for residents.	Ensure monthly comms exist with associated comms plan.	Autumn 26
	4.37 Planning Committee to consider green measures in all recommendations when discussing a planning application.	Env Officer to compare pc measures with new NSC conditions.	Ongoing Summer 26