

“To conserve and, where possible, to enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in Fishbourne now and in the future.”

Mission Statement: Fishbourne Parish Council

OUR VISION

ASPIRATIONAL

DELIVERABLE

By 2035, Fishbourne will be recognised as a vibrant, sustainable community which offers a safe and pleasant environment in which live and work and which has met its indicative target for new housing while successfully maintaining its separate identity as a village and conserving and enhancing the character of its historic fabric and environment. It will continue to offer a wide range of physical and cultural activities so that its residents can enjoy a healthy and rounded lifestyle without the need to travel by car. To achieve all this, its residents will increasingly have experienced involvement in the decision-making process.”

The Major Aims of Fishbourne Neighbourhood Plan are as follows:

- To maintain and enhance the rural character of the Parish within the special landscape of the coastal plain between the South Downs National Park and Chichester Harbour AONB
- To promote Fishbourne as an individual village within the new Harbour Villages Ward of the District Council
- To provide high-quality housing for all residents in small developments which reflect the area’s historic pattern of settlement and in response to the Village Survey 2018
- To support and extend the limited employment opportunities within the Parish
- To improve the infrastructure and amenities within the Parish, enhancing the quality of life for all parishioners.

The Objectives

The responses to the Village Survey 2018 give an indication of the strength of feeling within the community for the future of Fishbourne. This has informed the draft objectives which were consulted on in Village Voice Issue. The following objectives are the result of this consultation.

1. **The promotion of high quality development on the remaining sustainable sites in the village including affordable homes, starter homes, homes for downsizing and homes designed for the elderly who wish to retain their independence.**
2. **The promotion of Fishbourne as an individual village within the new Harbour Villages ward of the District Council.**
3. **The conservation and enhancement of the area's built and natural heritage, including a vibrant countryside and Chichester Harbour AONB**
4. **The promotion of farming as the major industry of the village and in view of its importance to the regional economy.**
5. **Provision of support for community-led groups within the village (e.g. Residents' Associations; Flood Prevention Group; Neighbourhood Watch; Fishbourne Companions).**
6. **Support for and enhancement of existing community, educational, sporting and recreational activities (e.g. the pre-school, Fishbourne Centre and the Fishbourne Playing Fields Association) as they expand in order to match increasing demand.**
7. **Promotion of accessibility within and beyond Fishbourne including the provision of safe routes for able and disabled pedestrians and cyclists and the exploration of methods of combating air pollution.**
8. **Support for continuation of existing businesses in the community and encouragement of new opportunities to enhance employment.**
9. **Promotion of developments which are environmentally sensitive and, where possible, contribute further to biodiversity including the impact of climate change.**
10. **Encouragement of the use of forward-looking technologies to help with energy saving and reduction in water consumption.**

Although Fishbourne has developed steadily for the last 50 years, doubling in size in the last three decades of the twentieth century and increasing by a further 30% since the 2001 Census, we aim to produce a revised Neighbourhood Plan with a strategy for the promotion of further development which is **"Aspirational but Deliverable"**.

A Plan should be needs - based but, with the shortage of suitable land as a result of decades of expansion, Fishbourne has little urgent need and certainly no need for growth to vitalise its community. Our plan, therefore, will mainly be a contribution to the housing needs of the wider CDC community.

