

BERRYNARBOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Community Engagement Policy

Berrynarbor Parish Council aims to reflect the needs of its residents and the local community. Berrynarbor Parish Council recognises that residents should be involved in decisions affecting them and their neighbourhood and in shaping the future of the area in which they live. To achieve this the Council will:

- Provide parishioners with relevant information about services, policies and decisions that might affect or interest them;
- Provide parishioners with opportunities for them to have their say about decisions, services and plans through consultations, surveys and conversations;
- Provide parishioners with opportunities to be involved and informed;
- Ensure views are listened to and used to develop, enhance and improve services where practical.

Community Engagement will be achieved in many ways to ensure all sections of the community are reached and will include the following:

A contribution in Berrynarbor's newsletter which is distributed at locations throughout the parish and available on the newsletter's website.

Online – the Parish Council has a website www.berrynarborparishcouncil.org.uk which is regularly updated with information relating to the parish. All agendas, minutes and Parish Council news will also be available via the website.

Meetings of the Parish Council, are open to members of the public and allow for Public Participation at the start of the meeting. Public meetings may also be organised to discuss issues of public concern.

Councillors are an important source of two-way communication between the Council and residents. Councillors are encouraged to interact with residents informing them of information relevant to the parish and Parish Council news and reporting back to the Council on issues raised by residents.

The Parish Council has two notice boards throughout the parish for Parish Council and community news, these notice boards are regularly updated with relevant information and the community is encouraged to pass information to the Parish Council for inclusion on the community notice boards.

All information is also available from the Parish Clerk via e-mail, telephone or post.

