



BERRYNARBOR PARISH COUNCIL

Community Engagement Policy

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1. Introduction

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.

2. Engagement

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

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

- **Social media**, via the Berrynarbor Parish Council Facebook page, www.facebook.com/share/1EQZpGyRSh/1
- **Meetings** of the Parish Council, are open to members of the public and allow for public participation at the start of each 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 issues/information relevant to the parish and parish council news. Reporting back to the Council on issues raised by residents.
- **Notice Boards**, the Parish Council has two notice boards in the parish for Council and community news, these notice boards are updated with relevant information. Residents are encouraged to pass information to the Parish Council for inclusion on these notice boards.

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

The Parish Council will aim to be as open and transparent as possible, providing the local community with as much information through as many different routes as possible.

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May 2025	Addition of social media	2505/17