

MISTLEY PARISH COUNCIL – LEADERSHIP STATEMENT IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY

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Mistley Parish Council will:

Continue to work proactively to strengthen and improve working relationships with: the District and County Councils, Mistley Village Hall Management Committee, Community Groups, Local Organisations, Local Businesses, Local Charities, Statutory Bodies, Voluntary Groups and neighbouring Parish and Town Councils.

a) **Strengthen Partnerships by:**

- Encouraging partnership groups to approach the Parish Council with clear, well-thought out constructive ideas which will benefit all sections of the community and encourage collaborative and effective partnerships and joint working/joined up thinking.
- Publicising the work of the Parish Council through its website, Facebook page, its noticeboards, the local press and at Parish Council Meetings and give the public the opportunity to ask questions at all of its public Meetings.

b) **Effectively Communicate at all Levels by:**

- Having clear methods in which the Public can give their feedback to the Council both positive, negative and be open to ideas for development.
- Promoting communication via the Parish Council's website, Public Participation at Meetings, questionnaires, production of an Annual Report and Facebook updates.
- Managing all Parish Council resources ensuring they meet the needs and demands of the community.
- Focusing resources on services that matter to the community and encourage visitors to the area.

c) **Managing the Council's Resources well:**

- Attaining maximum benefit through effective management of all Parish Council assets.
- Acknowledging the diversity of what heritage means to the Parish and seek to maintain this through active involvement in local community projects.
- Encouraging ways in which the community can improve the environment and promote resilience building for the future.
- Being sensitive to our environment and contributing to the quality of life.
- Ensuring a fair, open and transparent equitable Parish Precept is set annually.

d) **Promote a Sustainable Community by:**

- Working whenever possible with the community and business community to sustain economic vibrancy, vitality, and viability.
- Actively supporting local businesses by engaging local contractors whenever possible.