

# MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

## OBJECTIVES & PRIORITIES FOR 2023/24

- Melksham Neighbourhood Plan\*
  - Implementation, monitor and use of policies in NHP#1.
  - Review of current Plan, production of draft NHP#2, formal consultation and submission to Wiltshire Council
- To input and influence Wiltshire Council's Local Plan Review\*
- To influence and lobby Central Government to change the new NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) legislation for Neighbourhood Plans protected to a 3-year land supply, to hold for more than 2 years, working with the Wiltshire Area Localism & Planning Alliance (WALPA)
- Water refill points – to progress installation of water refill points at Bowerhill & Shaw sports fields
- To review the Emergency Plan\*
- Bowerhill Sports Field enhancement project – teen shelter/gym equipment
- Shurnhold Fields car park and improved entrance project\*
- To continue to maintain a good working relationship with Wiltshire Council, the Area Board and all the neighbouring parishes who abut Melksham Without.
- Progress East of Melksham Community Centre with Melksham Town Council
- Move towards pilot of Real Time Information (RTI) in bus shelters (Mitchell Drive and Melksham Market Place)\*

### Priorities for Term of Council (2021/25)

- To continue to use less paper/become more climate friendly (in line with Wiltshire Council's goal of being Carbon Neutral by 2030).
- Work towards obtaining Quality Gold Award <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-council-award-scheme>
- Continue to provide enhanced access to council meetings via remote technology to improve community engagement.
- To obtain mains drainage for Beanacre (Westlands Lane installation already taking place in 2023)
- To achieve the best outcome for the parish as a whole, for the proposed A350 Bypass.
- To continue to progress wider Realtime Information (RTI) in bus shelters across the parish and town\*
- To seek to obtain higher speed internet access in the parish
- To develop a policy to improve road safety in the parish, maximizing the levers that the council have control or influence over.

\* Working with Melksham Town Council

Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting 22 May 2023