

Stony Stratford Town Council Priorities 2008/2012

A Town Council offers an opportunity to provide a focus for the community of Stony Stratford, Galley Hill and Fullers Slade. The council is not party political: what is more important is that the council speaks for and acts in the interests of all the residents, businesses and organisations within the council's area.

The council wants to see the community of Stony Stratford, including the communities of Galley Hill and Fullers Slade, enjoying a better quality of life. In achieving this, its priorities will include the following:

- To act as a voice for the local community and as a focus to discuss local issues such as law and order, traffic and transport, and improving access to facilities for all;
- To support local organisations and members of the community in working for improvements in such issues;
- To encourage discussion about Stony Stratford and to contribute to the spirit of the community;
- To influence and monitor planning applications to try to ensure that any new developments enhance the character of Stony Stratford;
- To maintain a focus on traffic and parking issues in the area including the need to tackle the continuing problem of unnecessary through traffic and speeding through further traffic calming and speed reduction measures;
- To maintain and enhance the existing public open space including footpaths, bridleways, play areas and allotments, through the delivery vehicle Stony In Bloom
- To work with the police, the Neighbourhood Action Group and other local groups to make our community safe;
- To work with the Business Association and others for a thriving local economy;
- To maintain the provision of public conveniences;
- To encourage and support the provision of facilities and activities for young and older people and, via the Projects Committee, to keep under review the provision of community facilities;
- To support and encourage cultural activities;
- To ensure that Stony Stratford gets best value from the services provided by Milton Keynes Council and other public bodies;
- To support the voluntary and community sectors through grants for specific activity within Stony Stratford;
- To work with the Stony Stratford Futures Group to ensure maximum investment in the area;
- To work with other local groups to act in the interests of this area of Milton Keynes;
- To ensure that any future development beyond the boundaries of the council but within the immediate vicinity benefits the community;
- To keep the community informed about the work of the council, by regular production of its newsletter and maintenance of its website;
- To maintain an administrative base and staffing as a focus for community activity; and
- To run the council competently in the interests of the community and to ensure best value in the use of our taxpayers' money.

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