



Community Engagement Policy

Cantley Parish Council is committed to community engagement, and positively welcomes the contribution of residents from Cantley and the near surrounding areas.

The Parish Council will provide the following opportunities for residents to engage with the Council:

Planning

Cantley Parish Council will consider all planning applications as part of the statutory consultee process. All plans will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting, and the views of the public will be sought. Where a planning application is considered more complicated or may have more of an impact on the community, a site visit may be arranged. For larger developments, including major works at the British Sugar factory, a public meeting may be arranged.

Where it is deemed necessary, a nominated councillor will attend District Council planning meetings to represent the Council on any applications deemed to require this.

In the event of a public consultation, councillors will be available to represent the Council and residents at any event that is deemed necessary.

Should a large development be proposed in Cantley, the Parish Council will work with developers to host public engagement events, and will ensure that residents views are represented at all stages before and during the application stage, as well as during construction phases.

Meetings

Cantley Parish Council will offer the following opportunities for the public to participate at meetings:

- Members of the public are encouraged to discuss issues with councillors or the Clerk prior to a meeting as required.
- Time will be given on each agenda for public comment and representation;
- An Annual Parish Meeting will be hosted each year within the statutory time limits, and all village organisations will be proactively invited to attend and give a report.

Other

The following additional opportunities will be given for the public to engage with the Council:

- Comments are invited to be submitted to the website, or directly to the Clerk by email, post or telephone;
- The contact details and meeting dates for the Council are widely published on noticeboards, local magazines and the website.
- The Cantley Newsletter carries Councillor contact details, together with dates of meetings for the following year.

The above list is not exhaustive and any additional opportunities to engage will be explored and encouraged.

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