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Subject: Parish Priorities

Dear Parish Council Members,

I hope this email finds you all well.

I am contacting you for your priorities that you would like us to look at for the period April to September 2025.

In relation to the priorities, I am aware that there has been some confusion around what this looks like. Firstly, it is important to understand that you do not have to have any 'priorities', and that if you don't, this will not impact on our response to your parish. If you do have a priority (maximum of 3), then please provide what this is, along with details. An example would be – **anti social behaviour which occurs on a Friday night from 2000hrs until 2300hrs at the park, 10 young people are normally present, drinking alcohol, being abusive to people at the village hall and possibly smoking drugs. We don't know any names, but one child gets picked up in a red car.**

What this example does, is help my team patrol at the correct times and correct locations. Currently, most Parish councils just provide – anti social behaviour or drugs, speeding, without detail, which results in my teams being unable to target the problem. If you cannot provide detail, I would suggest that as a Parish Council you ask yourselves 'do we need this as a priority'.

It is also important to remember that the priorities should be community led, rather than from individuals.

Can I also please remind you that if speeding is a concern within your Parish, that this is referred to the Safer Roads Team who have responsibility for managing such issues, including data collection.

I am sure you can appreciate that attending all meetings for my staff is difficult, so please let me know if you would like attendance at a specific meeting, or if you don't need attendance, then also please let me know. If you provide priorities, as a minimum we will provide a written update on our actions to help address these concerns.

I am more than happy to discuss the subject of the community charter if there is still some confusion or on any other subject around neighbourhood policing. I am always keen for suggestion's around how best my teams can engage and feedback with yourselves but also your communities. For instance, is there value in us holding a 'walkabout' in your village or is there something else the community would like. Please come back to me with ideas. As I hope you will have seen, my officers are regularly in your communities either on patrol or undertaking engagements so please attend these and use the opportunity to obtain updates on what the Police are doing locally and to highlight anything of concern or let us know that what we are doing is working for the community. As always, if you do need to contact the Police, please use 999 in an emergency, 101 or online to report crime.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

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