



Parish Plan 2025

A prosperous and attractive parish where your wellbeing is at the hearth of everything we do.

In a small parish like Yarnfield and Cold Meece you could be forgiven for thinking that national policy doesn't really affect us, but the current plans for local government reorganisation are likely to have a significant impact on all parish councils.

The Government proposes to replace two-tier council areas with single administrative organisations serving populations of about 500,000. This means that parishes may be asked to take on greater responsibilities. We are already in a situation where parish councils are filling gaps in services based on requests from residents. For example, this parish council now maintains Yarnfield Village Green which was previously a responsibility of Stafford Borough.

It is important that we have an honest conversation with the community about our priorities, what services we might take on, how these will be paid for and how our existing plans might be affected.

This year the Parish Plan will be more important than ever as we will need to think more broadly and strategically.

Cllr Sally Parkin

Parish Profile

Made up of a mix of older housing and new developments the parish has in the last 10 years seen a significant growth in the number and diversity of people living in the parish.

The parish covers two settlements with Yarnfield, which is the larger, and Cold Meece.

Over the last 10 years the population of the parish has increase significantly as a result of the growth in the number of houses in the parish rising from 1,453 to 2,145. This is particularly noticeable in the number of children and young people in Yarnfield, with the average age of the community now

The parish benefits from a local shop and post office, a primary school and a public house. It is also home to Yarnfield Park Conference Centre.

Opportunities, threats risks and issues

- Government White Paper on local government review and devolution
- Lack of an up-to-date Plan for Stafford prepared by the Borough Council
- Diminishing borough and county services
- Community expectation
- Budgetary pressure on precepted services
- Social mobility
- County Elections 2025
- Increased flood risk due to climate

Communications and Engagement

Two-way communication with residents, businesses and community groups is central to the development of the Parish Council Plan. We will be open and transparent in how we work so we can ensure our residents are able to have their say and be part of the process.

The role of the Annual Parish Assembly will be central to informing the direction of the parish council and will be the yard stick by which the council gauges how it is performing.

Parish Ambition 1- Environment

To improve the quality of life of local people by providing a safe, clean, attractive place to live and work.

Parish Ambition 2 - Safety

To tackle issues of safety for residents and road users, directing our resources to achieve positive results in partnership with the Borough Council, County Council, Police and Social Housing providers.

Parish Ambition 3 - Community

To build pride in the parish through activities that are guided by the community and local business and enhance the wellbeing of everyone living in the parish.

Parish Ambition 4 - Good Governance

To be a successful, well-run organisation that is accountable for its actions, recognised by residents and is receptive to the views of the community

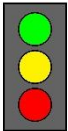
Monitoring and Review

A detailed delivery plan will be prepared to aid the delivery of the objectives. The plan will be monitored through the Parish Actin Tracker.

The delivery plan will be subject to an annual review to determine what progress is being made against each of the parish objectives and how these need to evolve to take account of any changes.

As part of this process, we will ensure that progress is reported annually to the Parish Assembly and to our residents.

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council Action Tracker 2025 - 2026



- On target
- Monitor
- Warning