

9 STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Preamble

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared having due regard to the relevant sections of the Gloucestershire County Council Statement of Community Involvement (October 2008) and the Forest of Dean District Council Sustainable Communities Plan 2008-2020.

2. Aim and Objective

- 2.1 Our aim is that by engaging with our community, people will be convinced that their involvement will make a difference and that if they speak up that their voices will be heard.

3. Defining the Community

- 3.1 We will proactively engage with all sectors of our community – individuals, businesses, public services and voluntary groups. We will liaise with other agencies as appropriate including the principal authorities.

4. Provision of Information to the Community

- 4.1 We will use a variety of media to convey information to our community ie our web site, our regular newsletter, by articles in the parish magazine and local press. We will continue to publish our annual report and copies of our budget proposals and audited accounts.

5. Opportunities for Community Involvement

- 5.1 We will continue to encourage attendance and public participation at our monthly meetings. On major proposals we will arrange public meetings.

6. Opportunities for Formal Representations to the Council

- 6.1 We welcome representations from any individual or group. Items for inclusion in the agenda for our monthly meetings should be sent in writing to the Clerk no later than 10:00 10 days prior to the meeting. Correspondence will normally be responded to with 5 working days.

7. Involvement in Partnerships

- 7.1 The Parish Council is represented on the following bodies:

- Consortium of Wye Valley Councils

8. Role of Council Members and Officer

- 8.1 Council members and the Clerk are available to the electorate at any reasonable time either by telephone, by e-mail, by letter or in person. We are all here to serve those who live and work in the parish.