



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF INTENT**

### **Aims & Objectives**

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council aims to encourage community involvement by using all available options such as our website, “Be in the Know” email sign up, quarterly newsletter/magazine, annual report, noticeboards and by distribution of information to local shops, doctors, petrol filling stations etc.

The Council will engage with all the community either as individuals, groups, organisations, clubs and societies.

The community will be able to access information both electronically and in hard copy via the Parish Office which is situated in The Old Fire Station during office hours but particularly between the advertised opening times of 10 am – 12 noon.

### **Opportunities**

The community is encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings and actively take part in any discussions, at the appropriate time and at the discretion of the Chairman. The Parish Office (as above) welcomes members of the public to visit and raise any issues of concern.

The Council will endeavour to bring to the attention of the community any consultations by other partners i.e. Borough Councils/County Councils/NHS/Police etc.

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council will facilitate a meeting if there is a specific item that is in the interest of our parishioners i.e. planning or transport issues.

### **Roles of Members and Clerks**

All Parish Council Members abide by the Kent Code of Conduct and are available at all reasonable times to speak with parishioners. Their contact details are on the Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council website and also on the noticeboards. The Clerks are available during normal office hours, but particularly on the advertised opening hours of 10 am and 12 noon.

The aim of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council is:-

**“To improve the quality of life for our parishioners”**