

EARNLEY PARISH COUNCIL TOURISM POLICY

This is a policy supplement to the Earnley Parish Plan 2016 - 2021

The Parish is part of the Manhood Peninsula approximately 7 miles south of Chichester. The Parish Council fully appreciates the importance of tourism to the Parish and the surrounding villages and the benefits gained by the community as a whole in terms of having, apart from employment opportunities, shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants which are viable only because of tourism.

The local economy is heavily dependent on tourism, agriculture and horticulture, resulting in a relative lack of employment opportunities with many local jobs seasonal and poorly paid.

The development of green tourism and important green links with Medmerry could extend the season and increase the viability of the tourism economy.

Being located on the coast, tourism provides a major employment opportunity for the area; the aim of development on the Peninsula is to sustain and enhance tourism provision.

The Parish Council supports the Destination Plan produced by the Manhood Peninsula Partnership and the Chichester District Council Local Plan Policies on tourism in this area.

The Parish Council will not support development that it considers would be detrimental to its tourism industry.

The Parish Council would support the development of tourism that enhances the area and extends the tourist season which in turn would boost the local economy provided that the development is not detrimental to the rural nature of the parish.

A review of the policy shall be undertaken bi-annually (or as appropriate) and necessary amendments will be undertaken by the Clerk and reported to the Full Council for approval. The Council will undertake to ensure that its members and employees are trained in the processes required by this policy as deemed appropriate.

Adopted by Full Council 23rd November 2017 Minute Number 112.17(2)

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