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Preventing Crime and Disorder Acts policy.

Great Bedwyn Parish Council has a duty by law to consider:

- The impact of their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Crime and Disorder: Section 17 "Duty to consider crime and disorder implications".

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 is not designed for Parish Councils to take the lead in any partnership with the police or principle authority. It is considered good practice for Parish Councils to be involved in this relationship.

[Crime and Disorder Act 1998 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

The main benefits are:

- Avoid unnecessary duplication and waste of resources
- Partner agencies will consider the impact of their policies and actions on crime and disorder in the local area.
- Greater potential to impact crime and disorder through increased involvement
- Share expertise and learn from others.
- Allows each agency to concentrate on its strengths and experiences.

It should be noted that there are no new funds available for any crime and disorder initiatives. A Parish Council may use its precept, grants, and S106 planning funds.

Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 on sharing information should be considered when making crime and disorder reduction plans. The Human Rights Act 1998 should also be considered when making crime and disorder reduction plans.

The Parish Council will ensure its compliance with these laws by keeping in sight the following where possible:

- Decisions made in Council and Committee meetings are made in consideration with reducing crime and disorder in mind. Where these matters have been discussed they will be minuted.
- When approving precept and budget annually, consideration will be given to the impact on crime and disorder and how the Parish Council can affect these proportionately with funds available and the size of the parish population.
- Partner organisations, local groups and charities wishing to positively impact on crime and disorder will be supported where possible and information shared by the Parish Council on its media outlets.
- Delegated decisions to the Clerk and/or Cllrs and staff will make consideration to reducing crime and disorder.
- Where required the Parish Council will seek to hold public consultations before making decisions on matters that would affect crime and disorder.

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