

## Wingerworth Parish Council – Crime and Disorder

### 1. Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposed a duty on all authorities to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on crime and disorder in its area and to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. The Parish Council is aware of its duty under this legislation and the need to consider crime and disorder reduction when exercising its duties.

### 2. Implications of Section 17

This section of the Act stresses that crime prevention and community safety are no longer simply a matter for the Police. Section 17 recognises that local authority actions have a direct impact on physical and social arrangements of an area which in turn affect crime and disorder. Changes to the layout of housing estates, the size of hedgerows, the location of bus stops and taxi ranks and reducing the level of empty properties can all reduce crime and disorder.

### 3. The Parish Council's Role

Parish Council functions which have an effect on crime and disorder include some aspects of lighting, meeting places, play areas, bus shelters, footpaths, litter bins and park benches. The Council recognises that decisions about whether to introduce a new service or to remove or make modifications to an existing one could all bring new, or remove existing opportunities for crime and disorder. The Council also recognises that the effective management of crime and disorder often requires a multi-agency approach and is keen to collaborate with the Police and other agencies in making Wingerworth safer place to live, work and visit.

### 4. The way forward for Wingerworth

Crime and disorder implications are a regular reference point in all of the Council's deliberations when involved in planning, the adoption of policies, the setting of budgets and any initiatives or decisions.