

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council is the first tier of democracy and deals with the issues directly concerning your parish so why not get involved and contribute to your community?

What issues does the Parish Council deal with?

The Parish Council deals with the following matters –

- Makes representations on planning matters in the parish
- Maintains and seeks to improve the Levens Way Play area and the RAFT play area
- Maintained White Court memorial and flagpoles
- Maintains some streetlights in the parish
- Provides around 70 hours a week of litter picking and maintenance in the parish including the emptying of litter bins
- Supports local voluntary organisations through its Grant scheme.
- Publishes the Great Notley Times magazine and maintains a website and Facebook page
- Maintains the storage unit
- Organises Parish Activities such as the Torchlight procession and the memorial service
- Organises volunteer activities such as the Parish pathway partnership with Essex County Council
- Liaises with other organisations such as the police regarding parish matters
- Plans for the future of the parish

I'm not sure I have the time!

The Parish Council meets ten times a year. The meetings are held on a Monday and last about 2 hours. Sometimes it would be useful to be involved in specific projects or activities which may take up more time. The day to day administration is dealt with by the Clerk. Most of the existing Councillors have full time jobs so the commitment of time is not excessive!

What sort of knowledge do I need?

The existing Councillors come from all walks of life and you don't need to be specially qualified. An interest in your community and a commitment to do the best for the residents of the Parish are the most important things together with your life experience and common sense views! Training is available and the clerk is available to advise or obtain advice on more technical matters.

Are there any specific qualifying requirements?

Yes! You need to be aged 18 or above, be resident or work either in the Parish or reside within 3 miles of the Parish, you should not have gone to prison in the last 5 years and you should not be bankrupt!

I would like to know a bit more

Feel free to have a chat with the Clerk if you would like more information and if you like she can arrange for you to have an informal chat with an existing Councillor.

Contact the Clerk by phone on 01376 331251 or email greatnotleyclerk@gmail.com