

# YARDLEY HASTINGS PARISH COUNCIL

## 3 Vacancies for Parish Councillors



- **Care about where you live?**
- **Want to help decide how local money is spent to improve our community?**
- **Want to have a say about local issues and influence local service delivery?**

Following the uncontested May election, there are 3 vacancies on the Parish Council, which the Council will fill at its September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

If you would like to be considered for the vacancies, please send a written application to the Clerk to the Council, Geoff Gill, at 11 Castle Ashby Road, or email [yhparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yhparishclerk@gmail.com) indicating why you are interested in the role. **Applications should arrive no later than Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

**Please note, applicants must be**

At least 18 years old, and a British citizen, eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications:

a) Your name must appear on the register of local government electors for Yardley Hastings at the time of your nomination and throughout your term of office should you be elected.

b) You have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish/community during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.

d) You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

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### **Who is on the Parish Council and how do we work?**

The current eight members of the Council, who came into office in May, are as follows. Please do feel free to give one of them a ring, if you would like to find out more about what being a Councillor involves.

Debbie Smith – Chairman – 696382  
Alan Willis – Vice Chairman – 696846  
Max Cooke - 696881  
Richard Houghton - 696244  
Chris Pickering - 696925  
John Quilter - 696947  
Alastair Rowton – 696246  
Duane Winter – 696225



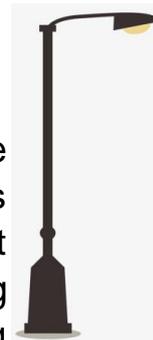
Parish Councillors are volunteers but the Council employs Geoff Gill as its Clerk and Proper Officer. Geoff is the Council's executive, administrator and adviser. He ensures that the council conducts its business lawfully; administers all the council's paperwork, meetings and finances and implements Council decisions.

The full Council meets about once a month at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. It also has a number of Working Parties, including Housing, Sports and Recreation, Emergency Planning, Highways and Planning, which meet between and report back to the full Council meetings, as required. Individual Councillors undertake nominated roles, for example Community Payback liaison, Police and Neighbourhood Watch, representative roles on the Memorial Hall Committee and Yardley Hastings Society, Financial moderator, Payroll and Flood Wardens.

**So, what does the Council do?** - The following will give you an idea.

**Street lights, Litter Bins, Seats, Bus shelter** – Own and maintain

**Village Handyman** – Appointed on a contract basis to undertake various work including mowing the grass areas which are the Council's responsibility i.e., Millennium Triangle, Closed Churchyard at St Andrew's, Old Pond opposite the bottom of The Greenyard; emptying the Council's litter bins; keeping the road side gullies clear and carrying out regular safety checks on the Recreation Ground equipment.



**Recreation Ground and Pocket Park**– Both are leased by the Council which is responsible for the safety, provision and upkeep of these play areas

**Millennium Triangle** – Responsibility for the village sign and other equipment and the development of the wildflower area, which volunteers help to maintain.

**Planning Applications** – The Council receives notification of, and an invitation to comment on, all planning applications relating to the village. Our comments are restricted to planning issues.

**Reporting matters to West Northants Council (WNC) and other authorities** – As the local eyes on the ground, the Parish Council plays an important role in raising issues which affect residents. These may include, amongst others, sewage outflows, flooding, dog fouling, potholes and road maintenance issues, potential planning breaches, fly tipping etc.

**Responding to Consultation documents** – The Parish Council is consulted on a wide range of issues such as legislation changes, local plans etc.

**Practical works** – We are a 'hands on' Council and we sometimes undertake various 'jobs' in the village, as they arise, for example tree planting, litter picking, repairs.



This is just a flavour of the role of Parish Councillors, but if you have any questions or would like to find out more,

please do call one of the current councillors.