



ABOUT PARISH COUNCILS

Parish Councils are legal bodies at the first tier of government, closest to the community. Parish Councils have a wide range of powers to represent the local community and deliver services to that community.

We are funded through money raised via Council Tax – this is known as the Precept. It is public money, so we have a duty to spend responsibly and achieve value for that money. The Parish Council employs a small staff team to support them in their ambitions and splits their workload into a number of committees and working groups

Our Vision is: Wendover is a thriving market town in which people want to live, trade, and visit
Our strategic objectives are shown below



- Develop** Community
- Enhance** Environment
- Promote** Prosperity
- Functioning Council*



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We provide facilities and services to the Parish as follows:

- Representation on the big issues that impact the community (HS2, Buckinghamshire Council policy, planning)
- Signposting to residents as to where to find help
- 2 allotment sites
- Open spaces and play parks – Ashbrook Park, Hampden Meadow, Witchell Park, Haddington Play Park
- Hampden Pond and the Community Orchard
- Weekly Market and monthly local produce market
- Free car park at Witchell Park
- Streetlights on all side roads
- Grass verge cutting and some priority footpath clearance (for Buckinghamshire Council)
- Free community events (Picnic in the Park/Christmas events)
- High Street Christmas decorations
- Grants to local community organisations



SERVICES AND FACILITIES



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Be extraordinary BECOME A WENDOVER PARISH COUNCILLOR



This may be a position of responsibility, but there are many benefits from becoming a part of the Parish Council.

Working with other Parish Councillors to improve the parish of Wendover is motivating and rewarding. You will often see the outcome of your changes in local life.

The role means you will meet many local characters and organisations also working towards making Wendover a great place to live, trade and visit.

WHO CAN APPLY

- You must stand for election (see www.wendover-pc.gov.uk/vacancies)
- You must be over 18
- Live in or near Wendover.
- Be willing to attend monthly council meetings and contribute to council activities.
- **NOMINATIONS OPEN 18th MARCH 2025**





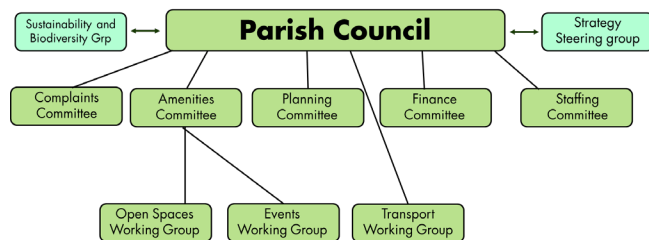
WHAT DO PARISH COUNCILLORS DO?

As a Parish Councillor, you will:

- Represent the local community's views on important issues
- Influence decisions that impact Wendover's services, facilities, and environment
- Support local initiatives and improvements
- Help manage local projects and resources to benefit residents
- Collaborate with other councillors and the wider community to build a stronger, more vibrant Wendover

The Council manages the workload by employing a staff team and splitting the tasks between Parish Council and various committees and working groups. The concept being that the committees undertake the work and discuss the detail and full Council has strategic oversight.

The Parish Council meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:30pm



REPRESENTING WENDOVER

Wendover has over 9000 inhabitants living in 3600 households. It is a Civil Parish with a mix of housing types around the main settlement and more rural set houses.

HS2 has had a massive impact on the issues faced by the Parish with impacts on daily travel, noise and the local footpaths and rights of way. Compared nationally it is a larger Parish Council with a higher budget than most Parishes. Buckinghamshire used to have a series of district councils (Aylesbury Vale District Council) that worked with a County Council (Buckinghamshire County Council). In 2020 Buckinghamshire started to make the move to what is known as a Unitary Authority – Buckinghamshire Council.

INDUCTION AND TRAINING

We understand that looking at our information it can feel quite daunting. You will quickly learn that even more experienced Councillors are still on that journey and don't feel they know enough! Whilst it is a steep learning curve, the other Councillors (and the Clerk) have all been there. You will find all our team willing to help and support you in your term of office. We also have the support of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) who provide training, briefings and one to one guidance on specific issues.



BECOME A WENDOVER PARISH COUNCILLOR

Do you care about Wendover?

Do you like being part of a community?

Are there things you want to change?



Wendover Parish Council is seeking dedicated individuals to stand for the role of Parish Councillor. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in shaping the future of our village and ensure it remains a wonderful place to live, work and visit. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm and some time to commit.



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