



COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Do you often wish for changes in your community? Do you find yourself saying ‘*someone should change that*’? Well, that someone could be you! Being a Parish Councillor takes just a few hours a month, usually in the evenings. It’s a voluntary position and training is available. The main roles of a councillor are:

- To represent the views of residents of the parish and, onwards, to Somerset Council
- Let residents know about important issues affecting the parish
- Help make decisions on a range of topics, including how to spend the ~£50k budget each year
- Help support the delivery of projects in the parish

What’s required?

Usually, you are required to attend parish council meetings, held 11 times a year on the first Tuesday of the month. The Clerk deals with all administration, but councillors can take a lead on certain projects, based on interests and local needs. These may take additional time during the month depending on what you can contribute and your passion for those projects.

What kind of things can you get involved with?

Recently the Council has completed several interesting projects improving the tennis courts, play area and Pavilion. Future plans include other facilities on the Recreation Field and the development of the Nature Reserve at Ilchester Lane. In addition, councillors regularly comment on local planning applications, support the Village Hall, work to build community resilience to flooding and support the Environment Group to enhance nature and wildlife in the locality.

Being on the parish council is all about teamwork!

To register your interest please contact Gilly, our clerk, by the August Bank Holiday weekend (25th August). Email: clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk