

NEW TEAM MEMBER (COUNCILLOR) REQUIRED

Meppershall Parish Council needs a new team member; if you think you would like to join the Parish Council team contact the Clerk on 07480 251746 or email clerk@meppershall-pc.gov.uk

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected or co-opted to represent a geographical ward or parish, in Meppershall it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a co-option space available on the Parish Council at the moment due to the resignation of Mr Morgan.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work:

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
 - Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Beds Police Priority Setting Meetings
 - Reviewing planning applications
 - Participating in litter picks
 - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to village life, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a councillor representing the parish you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

If after reading this notice you are interested in applying please contact the Clerk to the Council on 07480 251746 or email clerk@meppershall-pc.gov.uk

GO ON, GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!