WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Little Abington Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish councillor.

What is a Parish Council?

Parish councils are the tier of government closest to the public. They are often the first place people go to with concerns or ideas.

Local authorities (Cambs County Council and South Cambs District Council) consult with parish councils for feedback from local communities and they look to the parish councils to advise and help them to deliver their priorities. This might be traffic speed reduction, maintenance of grass verges, street lighting or planning matters. For example, when the former scout camp in Church Lane was put up for sale the parish council played an important part in ensuring that it continued to be an open space and that the community would be able to use it. In response to concerns about road safety and speeding, with the support of Cambridgeshire police, we have set up a local community Speedwatch team.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

It is important that the parish council represents everyone in the community. Seeing things change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Parish councils can raise money through taxation. In Little Abington this is about £17,000 a year. Parish councillors help to make sure this money is spent well.

Parish councils have limited powers to make decisions but they can negotiate with and influence organisations that make the final decisions. Little Abington works closely with its neighbours. We have helped to fund the Parish Nurse Scheme which operates across seven villages and we are working with neighbouring parish councils to develop solutions to congestion and safety on the A1307.

For more information about Little Abington Parish Council please contact

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