

Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council



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YOUR LOCAL PARISH NEEDS MORE COUNCILLORS

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISH
COUNCILLOR FOR THE BEAUSALE, HASELEY, HONILEY AND
WROXALL AREA? IF SO READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT IS
INVOLVED**

What are community, parish and town councils?

Community, parish and town councils are the part of local government closest to the people. They serve the smallest area and are responsible for the most local of matters. Very importantly, these councils can "precept" - raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people.

In England they are called parish councils or town councils, if they cover a largely urban area. In both England and Wales they are elected units of local government whose activities are controlled by Acts of Parliament. There are 10,000 community, parish and town councils in England and Wales.

Parish, town and community councils in England and Wales have a number of basic responsibilities in making the lives of local communities more comfortable, many of which are often taken for granted. Essentially these powers fall within three main categories: representing the whole electorate within the parish; delivering services to meet local needs; and striving to improve quality of life in the parish.

Individual powers include the provision and maintenance of community transport schemes, traffic calming measures, local youth projects, tourism activities, leisure facilities, car parks, village greens, public lavatories, litter bins, street lighting, street cleaning, burial grounds, allotments, bus shelters, commons, open spaces, footpaths, bridleways, and crime reduction measures.

Community, parish and town councils can also comment on planning applications - they are statutory consultees (they have to be consulted if they so wish) and can be represented at public inquiries.

What do elected representatives do for me?

Community, parish and town councillors represent the people living in their local area at the closest level to the community. When decisions are being made they are there to put your views across.

Is this for you ?

If you want to be more involved in your local area, can make time in the evenings to attend 10 meetings per year and would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact **clerk@bhhw-pc.co.uk** or one of your local Parish Councillors for more information or just an informative quick chat. Website www.bhhw-pc.co.uk