

Parish Council Information

There is one vacancy on Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council (please see the accompanying notice).

Being a parish councillor is a varied, enjoyable and rewarding role which can help your community.

What parish councillors do

Councillors are elected or co-opted to represent the local community, so you must live or work in the parish or council area. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding experience as you can make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, making decisions, and talking to the community about their needs and what the council is doing.

A councillor's role has three main areas:

- Decision-making — Councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered, and what policies should be implemented by attending meetings and committees.
- Monitoring — Councillors ensure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by monitoring how well things work.
- Getting involved locally — As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities often depend on what a given councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

What a day as a councillor may look like

The day-to-day work of a councillor may include the following:

- Attending council meetings.
- Joining meetings of local organisations and bodies that affect the wider community, such as the police, the highways authority, schools and colleges.
- Being involved in decisions related to planning applications within the parish
- Taking up issues on behalf of residents, such as making representations to the principal authority.
- Running surgeries for residents to bring up issues.

Parish Council meetings

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm on a Wednesday, every other month in Warslow Village Hall (usually the third or fourth Wednesday, as detailed on the calendar of future meeting dates). It is important that each parish councillor tries to attend every meeting. Members of the public attend the meetings.

Documents

Parish councillors are required to complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office to abide by a code of conduct for parish councillors together with a register of interest document which is a public record.