

Grindleton parish council has a vacancy for a new councillor.

Could you support our community as a parish councillor?

Check out below to see if this role is for you.



By becoming a parish councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. This is an unpaid, voluntary position.

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union; and
- be at least 18 years old.
- To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:
 - be an elector of the parish; or
 - in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
 - work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work); or
 - live within three miles of the parish boundary.

You don't have to be connected to a political party.

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

What does Grindleton Parish Council do?

*We are constantly monitoring footpaths and stiles. We fix those we can and liaise with Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way dept (PROW) for others.

*We comment on planning applications taking into consideration the best outcome for the village.

*During lockdown we ensured the safety of residents by providing relevant information, arranging a support network and delivering prescriptions during the closure of the health centre.

*We are very involved with the proposed works by United Utilities, HARP (The Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme), aiming for the best conclusion for residents through collaborative work with other local parish councils, RVBC and LCC.

*We work closely with Grindleton Recreation Ground Charity (GRGC), St Ambrose Church and both schools.

*We have supported groups including Grindleton Brownies, GRGC and the Little Green Bus service with grants.

*We maintain bus stops, benches and signage.

*We work with residents to reduce litter, provide flower tubs and present Grindleton in its best light. Making it a place we enjoy living in. We employ a Lengthsman to support us in maintenance of verges, weeding and leaf sweeping. We liaise with the dog warden to promote appropriate behaviours of dog ownership.

*We promote community cohesion.

*We monitor road surfaces, drains, lighting, waste bins and inform Lancashire County Council when attention is required.

*We take forward residents' concerns e.g., speeding, to the relevant authorities.

*We decide on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services.

*We hold parish council meetings every other month (6 times per year). We also hold extraordinary meetings as the need arises.

We are a group of 7 councillors and a salaried parish clerk.

Take a look at our website: www.grindleton.org

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