

Fancy a new challenge? Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Great & Little Whelnetham parish council is looking for individuals to train as councillors. If you're 18 or over, willing to contribute some of your time to shape the way your community moves forward and have a commitment to serve your local population then this role could be for you.

The role of parish councillor is an important one which involves listening and talking to all members of your local community and deciding which services you wish to provide to improve the parish or village and make it a better place to live. As a holder of public office councillors are required by law to abide by a code of conduct ensuring high standards of behaviour are upheld whilst carrying out their duties. The opportunity to train and understand the role is provided by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

If you would like the chance to make a difference, represent local interests and find out more about what is involved then take a look at the attached links below.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact the clerk on 07921 350651.

What do Parish Councils do?

Parish councils are the tier of local government closest to the electorate. Established in 1894 parish councils have existed to provide services for local people ranging from providing and maintaining play areas, to looking after natural green areas for residents to enjoy.

Parish councils can choose which services they provide as they have the ability to raise a precept (amount of money) collected through the council tax system. Great & Little Whelnetham parish council meets 6 evenings a year to consider local issues, resolve problems and look at ways to improve the area for the benefit of the residents. Every year the parish council is audited to ensure it is managing its finances appropriately and in accordance with legislation.

A well-functioning parish council is one whose councillors are open minded and have an innovative approach to bringing about change.