

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Colton Parish Council has 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors, and you might be just the person we're looking for!

What does Colton Parish Council do?

We have a truly local focus. We provide a forum for people who live and work in our area to raise local priorities. We are a channel for ensuring the views of our communities can be fed into discussions with bodies such as the planning authority, neighbouring councils, and organisations active in our patch.

We are one of the bodies that planners must consult before they make a planning decision that affects our parish. We discuss relevant planning and development proposals and share the community's opinions on these matters with the planning authority.

We give grants to support local activities through our Community Fund and we support our village halls.

When opportunities arise, we apply for funding to help us invest in projects that enhance our area.

Current work includes:

Protecting and increasing biodiversity through our funding for Greening Our Highways. We are delivering this work through a partnership with Rusland Horizons

Improving road safety by working with District and County Councillors and by employing a lengthsman to carry out small maintenance tasks.

Building community resilience and winter preparedness

Supporting action on the climate emergency by working with Green Sparks and other community initiatives.

How much time would I need to give?

We meet about once a month (excluding August). Meetings are held on a Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm. Each month we meet in a different village hall. If you need transport, we can organise a car share.

Between meetings you need to have time to read planning applications, talk to neighbours if issues come up and respond to Council emails. You may also be asked to join a sub-committee or working party; the time required for these is variable and it's up to you how much you get involved.

All the Councillors are volunteers; they can claim expenses to cover costs incurred. You can get details from the Parish Clerk clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Want to know more?

Talk to one of our local Councillors. There's information about who's who on our website. See www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/

Email the Parish Clerk clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Come along to one of our meetings and see for yourself. **Our next meeting is at 7pm on Monday 3rd October at Rusland Reading Rooms. All welcome!**