

## **JOIN YOUR COUNCIL!**

Burnham Parish Council is seeking dedicated and motivated members of the community to join the Council, helping to shape local services and providing a voice for its 13,000 residents on local and regional issues.

We'd like to hear from those who live or work in or around Burnham who feel they can bring skills and knowledge to support and strengthen the work of Council, especially those with a background in finance, public relations and marketing, event or project management, personnel, fundraising and development, facilities management, or social enterprise.

The Council is at its strongest when it represents all parts of the community, and we are particularly keen to hear from those that are currently underrepresented, including young people, ethnic minorities, and the disabled.

### **What's involved?**

As a councillor, you would be instrumental in planning for the strategic future of the Council, shaping local policies, and making decisions on how local facilities and services are run.

The Council meets on a Monday evening every 6 weeks. Councillors also have the opportunity to serve on committees, which deal with specific issues such as planning applications or the management of Burnham Park Hall.

Prospective councillors will be expected to play an active role in Council, participating in meetings, attending events and representing the Council on other bodies, and working with Council staff on projects.

Being a member of the Council is a voluntary position. We do, however, cover reasonable expenses.

### **What is the Parish Council?**

The Council is comprised of up to 19 councillors, representing the residents of Burnham. The Parish Council is one of the three tiers of local government in Burnham – the others being South Bucks District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council. Each Council is responsible for providing a range of services and facilities to residents. The Parish Council responsibilities include:

- Community facilities such as Burnham Park Hall
- Parks and playgrounds including Burnham Park, St Peter's playground, Hag Hill playground, The Stomping Ground, and the pond at Lent Green Lane
- The George Pitcher Memorial Ground pitches, nature reserve and trim trail
- Street furniture including benches, bins, and some street lighting
- Distributing funds for improving infrastructure from large planning applications
- Providing a voice for residents on regional and national consultations
- Reviewing planning applications and feeding back views to the District Council
- The Jennery Lane public toilets

### **Am I eligible?**

To be a member of the Council you must meet the following criteria:

- be at least 18 years old, **and**
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, **and**
- meet **at least one** of the following four qualifications:
  - a) You are registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
  - b) You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
  - c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish.
  - d) You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

Visit [www.burnhamparish.gov.uk](http://www.burnhamparish.gov.uk)

Contact Sheridan Edward, Parish Clerk: 01628 550385 / [clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk)

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