

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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Milford-on-Sea Parish Council Elections 2023

Milford-on-Sea Parish Council elections are held every four years and the next election is due to take place in Spring 2023. This is an opportunity for those living in the Milford-on-Sea Parish to represent their own local community. Each Councillor has their own reasons for running and the role offers the chance to make a huge difference to the quality of life for the people in your local area.

You may ask why become a Councillor?

Being a councillor is all about giving back to your community and wider society. The role of a Councillor is to serve and represent everyone in their Parish that they are elected into. The Parish Council works on behalf of its residents dealing with a variety of items that impact the day-to-day life within the Parish. 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. Seeing your community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What happens at the Parish Councils make?

The Parish Council have a wide range of powers which are essentially related to local matters, such as managing local amenities including woodland management at the Pleasure Grounds, Studland Common and Meadow (their footpaths, bridges, ditches and culverts), Children's play parks located in Carrington Lane, Hurst Road and the Swifts, cricket and football facilities at the Barnes Lane Recreation Ground, The Chris Walford Pavillion, The Bowling Club, Milford Village Green, Keyhaven War Memorial, Village floral displays and memorial benches scattered around the Parish. The Parish Council are striving consistently in and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the Parish Council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the district council, which collects the tax for the Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community.

Probably the most common topic that Parish Councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees). It's true to say that on their own, Parish Councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the District or County

councils) In this respect parish councils have leverage. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a Parish Council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

Am I eligible to stand as a prospective Councillor and do I have sufficient time to serve my community?

If you are over 18, are a Commonwealth citizen, have lived or worked in the Parish for more than a year and are an elector you are more that eligible. Full Parish Council meetings are held once a month, usually on a Monday at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The Planning Committee meeting is also held monthly on a Monday evening at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall. Within the Parish Council there are many other working groups and meet as and when required. The Parish Council hold an Annual General Meeting in May and the Annual Parish Meeting is held between March and June, the usual venue for these meetings is All Saints Church Hall.

The election window is between March 20th and 4th April. For further details please contact the Parish Clerk – Graham Wells on 644410 or email: clerk@milfordonseaparishcouncil.gov.uk