**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

**Parish Councillor Vacancy**

* Have you lived or worked in Fringford for over a year?
* Do you want to make a difference to our community?
* Then why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor…

There is currently a vacant seat on Fringford Parish Council. We are looking for an active, enthusiastic, committed person to become part of our proactive and forward-thinking team.

**What do parish councils do?** As elected representatives of the community, the Council discusses, plans, and acts on issues of importance to Fringford, seeking to make village life pleasant for residents. Recently, this has included arranging for BT to upgrade our broadband to fibre optic, successfully achieving grant funding for local projects designed to maintain, enhance, and develop amenities and the local environment. Liaising with District and County Councils, setting and managing the Parish Precept (local element of taxes). Responding as a consultee to planning applications. Working productively with other village groups and participating in the planning of local events.

**What’s the role of a councillor?** We have 7 seats on the council, and members are supported by a part time Clerk. The Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 19.45 in the Village Hall; meetings typically last less than 2 hours. We consider items of business and make decisions for action. Each councillor holds an area of responsibility which takes an average of 2-3 hours per month. Whilst parish councillors are volunteers, they may claim expenses as necessary, and training is available.

**Could you be a councillor?** Anyone aged over 18, who has lived or worked in Fringford for over a year, and who has the enthusiasm and time to help can apply to be a councillor. Councillors need to be IT literate and have facilities to access and respond to emails and documents sent via the internet. Fringford Parish Council is committed to ensuring equality, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of its work. We celebrate diversity in our community.

**Should you wish to learn more or have an informal chat then please call the Chair, Ginny Hope on 07738 004101 or email** [**ginny.hope1@gmail.com**](mailto:ginny.hope1@gmail.com)

**OR apply directly, stating what skills and attributes you possess to be a good parish councillor - by email to the Parish Clerk, Bobs Damerell at fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com**

**The closing date for applications: 29 July 2022**

**Interviews: evening of 4 August 2022**