

FRAMLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Committees

11 Councillors

Lands

Oversees the maintenance of the Pageant Field, The Fens, Churchyard, Cemetery, Jeaffreson's Well and also sites litter & dog bins

Planning

Considers planning applications and uses local knowledge to make comments to be taken into consideration by the District Council when making their decision.

Finance

Deals with income & expenditure and recommends the annual precept to full council. Also responsible for ensuring funds are wisely invested until needed.

Rights of Way Highways & Lighting

Deals with footpaths & bridleways & organises quarterly walks to ensure they are suitably maintained. Also deals with highway matters & street lighting.

Public Relations & Markets

Runs the weekly markets & special events such as Soap Box Race and Firework Spectacular. Oversees the town website, & produces the Town Guide & newsletters

Councillors are usually on 2 committees, which with the full council meeting takes up to 3 evenings a month.

It is very unusual for meetings to go on for more than 2 hours

Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

The Clerk, who is employed by the council, is responsible for ensuring the business of the council runs smoothly, efficiently and within the law, and carry out the decisions of the council. As Responsible Financial Officer she is also responsible for ensuring financial transactions are properly authorised and recorded. The Clerk advises the council on various matters when required and may need to seek advice from other sources of expertise to aid decision making. The Clerk carries out all the administration of the council - secretarial and clerical tasks; financial transactions; minuting meetings; dealing with the public; council property and a variety of other tasks.

Two part time office assistants help with the general administration duties.

Much of the practical work of the council is carried out by contractors: website manager; tree surgery; grounds maintenance.

The role of a councillor is voluntary and certain regulations have to be abided by; but it is very rewarding to give something back to the community and help to improve the quality of life here; and be involved in making decisions on important issues which directly affect the town.

There are currently vacancies on the council. You may be wondering if you could become a councillor and serve the community in this way?

The answer is probably yes! You do not need any qualifications, except an interest in what happens in the town, and the time to attend meetings and other occasional activities.

You need to be 18 years or over, and live or work within 3 miles of Framlingham

For an Information Pack contact the Town Clerk
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