

Become a Local Councillor:

Make a Difference!

Want to find out more about becoming a local councillor – then read on.....

Local councils are at the forefront of community action; actively promoting schemes that will achieve real improvements locally. Working in partnership with other levels of local government and voluntary and community groups, town and parish councils can and do achieve a great deal.

Being a town or parish councillor is a very rewarding way of contributing to your community, and in particular making a difference to the way things get done in your locality. It need not involve a huge commitment, though it will require a certain minimum input, and the opportunities are abundant for those that have the desire to expand their knowledge of local matters and work together with others making decisions and producing plans for the greater community benefit.

A local council has powers to provide many services to the community and also plays a vital role in overseeing, guiding and directing community activity by other groups. However, unlike these groups a local council has legal status; is both financially and democratically accountable to the electorate; has the power to raise money through council tax, and members are subject to a code of conduct. Whether this means improving local services such as litter collection and playgrounds or representing local views to other local authorities on such issues as car parking charges and planning applications - it is your local council that is the form of local government closest to the community.

All meetings of the town council are open to the public so, as a first step, come along and listen to the debate. A timetable of forthcoming meetings, agendas and minutes of previous meetings are available at the Town Council Offices.

If you would like to play a part in this valuable work and want to know more, please contact John Harrison (Town Clerk): Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham BN27 2AE (Office hours 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday) (Tel: 01323 841702) | Email: john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk