

What do you know about Great Linford Parish Council?

Maybe you don't know very much about GLPC or what it does.

This leaflet gives some information, but you can find out more about the Parish Council from our website: www.great-linford.gov.uk

What GLPC is all about

Great Linford Parish Council is one of 45 parishes in Milton Keynes which constitute the first tier of local government. Despite its name, GLPC is not concerned just with issues relating to Great Linford - it also covers all of the eleven areas listed at the top of this leaflet.

There are 17 Councillors who are elected every four years, to serve on the Parish Council, plus a full-time Parish Manager.

Our Parish Councillors give their time freely and have agreed not to receive any payment for the time and contribution they make. Between them, Councillors look after the interests of some 7,500 electors and their families in the parish - a population of nearly 20,000.

Services provided by GLPC are paid for by every household as a 'parish precept', part of the MK Council Tax charge. The Parish Council is stringent about costs, so our residents are charged only what is necessary to maintain a quality service.

Role in the community

The role of the Parish Council is to protect residents' interests at a local level, and represent them to MK Council and English Partnerships.

GLPC does not provide all the services in its area. Education, health, housing, highways and landscape maintenance are the responsibility of MK Council. However, GLPC makes representations about these and any matters that may concern residents.

The Parish Council examines all planning applications to ensure that developments or building work will not have an adverse affect on communities. Of great concern to the Parish Council is the growing number of houses being made into multi-occupancy dwellings.

Councillors are vigilant about graffiti and litter, as well as dog fouling, and nuisance behaviour, such as use of mini-motor bikes and powered scooters in residential areas and open spaces.

Life and leisure

On the leisure side of life, the Parish Council provides sports facilities and meeting places, at Great Linford and Downs Barn. These are available not only for cricket, tennis and football, but also for hire by residents - the Pavilions at Great Linford and Downs Barn are regularly in use by residents for a variety of purposes, as well as by community groups.

GLPC also manages a thriving allotment community. There are 125 individual plots, at Hills Close, Gifford Gate (Great Linford), Armourer Drive (Neath Hill) and Bells Meadow (Willen Park), and Larkspur Avenue, Conniburrow.

So, GLPC is very active in, and for the community - for the benefit of all residents. GLPC's adopted slogan is *Great Locality - Proud Community*.

Keeping 'our patch' that way is what GLPC is all about. As such, it is the first rung of local government.

Why do people volunteer to be Councillors?

GLPC is not only the first letters of Great Linford Parish Council, but it also stands for *Great Locality - Proud Community*. That is what Parish Councillors believe, and is why they contribute their time and experience, on behalf of all our residents.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the parish we occasionally have vacancies for Councillors.

Being a Councillor is a really positive way to help maintain standards in your area and is also a means of 'giving something back' to the community in which you live.

For an informal chat about what's involved, contact the Parish Manager - see *How to get in touch* overleaf.

How to get in touch with the Parish Council

Write to Great Linford Parish Council at 10 Tower Crescent, Neath Hill Local Centre, Neath Hill, MK 14 6JY.

You can contact us by 'phone on (01908) 606613 by email at: info.glpc@btconnect.com or via our website: www.great-linford.gov.uk.

You can also call into the Parish Council office at Neath Hill Centre (opposite the shops and Clocktower). The office is open from 9am to 4pm every weekday.



For more about the Parish Council and to have your say - log onto our website at: great-linford.gov.uk