

# CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Your Parish Council**

There are over 8,500 parish and town councils in England and we offer the most local level of government. We have an overall responsibility for the well-being of our local community and we try to enhance the services provided by Shropshire Council to meet the more specific needs of the parish.

Parish councils are governed by certain Acts of Parliament and listed below are just a few examples of what we have the power to provide:

- allotments
- burial grounds
- bus shelters
- commons
- community transport schemes
- crime reduction measures
- leisure facilities

## **We can also contribute towards:**

- traffic calming
- street cleaning
- street lighting
- youth projects
- community centres
- footpaths
- burial grounds
- car parks
- village greens

## **Where do we get our money from?**

Each year, usually in December, we consider what we would like to do and how much we think it will cost. We then inform Shropshire Council of how much money we need and they collect it on our behalf from council tax payers in the parish. This money is called the 'precept' and principally finances your parish council.

## **How are your parish councillors elected?**

Parish councillors are elected to represent a geographical area, a ward, there are 4 wards with the parish Condover, Dorrington, Stapleton and Ryton. Councillors are elected by people over eighteen who live within the parish and are on the electoral register. Elections take place in May every four years with an election in each ward. Parish elections co-inside with Shropshire Council elections.

## **What do your parish councillors do?**

Our councillors meet monthly and decide which activities to support, what services should be delivered and how they should be financed. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings where time is set aside at the start of the meeting for them to speak to councillors about any concerns they may have. The council has a Finance Committee and a Planning committee which regularly meet to discuss financial matters and planning matters relevant to the parish.

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Parish councils are the most local part of the democratic system and act as a voice that can make a difference to the quality of life within their local community. Parish councillors are community leaders who represent their electorate's aspirations and endeavor to improve the quality of life for those in the parish.

## **Rules and Regulations**

As an elected body the parish council is accountable to its electorate. You can find out about the rules and regulation to which we must abide by following the links in the Policies Section.

Annually the parish's accounts are audited by an independent internal auditor appointed by the council and externally audited by accountant's appointed by the Audit Commission.

Councillors must abide by the Code of Conduct and procedural rules are described in the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

The Council has a Complaints procedure which should be followed if a member of the public wishes to make a formal complaint about the parish council or a parish councillor or clerk. The behavior of parish councillors is monitored by Shropshire Council Monitoring Officer and Standard Board Committee. Further details can be found on the Shropshire Council website

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk>