



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Role of the Parish Councillor

1. Introduction

This document describes the role, duties and responsibilities of the Councillor of the Parish Council.

2. General Description

2.1 Parish Councillors are elected representatives and serve for a 4-year term unless co-opted or elected in a by-election when they serve until the next election.

2.2 They must apply the law and comply with the Code of Conduct and other adopted policies of the council.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 To be well informed, especially about diverse local views. Councillors cannot assume that they represent the interests of electors without consulting them.

3.2 To act in an ethical way and to declare an interest when necessary

4. Roles

4.1 The main role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within the parish and to listen to, and understand, the views and needs of different groups in the community.

4.2 Councillors contribute to the work of the council by suggesting ideas, influencing policy and strategy, engaging in constructive debate and by responding to the needs and views of the community. Councillors comment on proposals to ensure the best outcome and vote to enable the council to make decisions.

4.3 Individual Parish Councillors cannot make decisions on behalf of the council, but they can actively lead and engage with local projects