



# Burton Overy Parish Council

## ABOUT BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR IN BURTON OVERY

Burton Overy is a picturesque village situated in rural Leicestershire, some 10 km south of the city of Leicester. It was designated as a Conservation Area in 1974 and maintains much of its agricultural and rural heritage. The village hosts a thriving and active local community.

At the lowest tier of local government, the village is represented by its Parish Council. An important function of the Parish Council is to provide comments on planning applications to the local planning authority, namely Harborough District Council (HDC). This and many of the other activities of the Parish Council focus on the goal of maintaining and enhancing the unique features of Burton Overy as a desirable place to live, work and visit. In this context, the Neighbourhood Plan, which was formulated by the Parish Council in partnership with HDC and adopted in 2019, sets out policies aimed at preserving the character of the Conservation Area and its rural surroundings.

The work of the Parish Council is also aimed at fostering and enhancing a sense of community for the benefit of village residents. Here the Parish Council often works in partnership with other local organisations, such as the Village Hall Management Committee, to support local events and activities. The annual budget is approximately £14,000 and is collected through Council Tax bills sent out by HDC to all households in the parish.

Burton Overy Parish Council (BOPC) comprises five elected Councillors. The council is aided by a clerk (its only employee), who provides ongoing administrative and accounting support. The Parish Council meets monthly, typically on the third Tuesday of the month, in the Village Hall. The BOPC website ([www.burtonoverypc.org.uk](http://www.burtonoverypc.org.uk)) includes a wealth of information about the business of the council together with links to other services in the local area. All agendas and supporting paperwork are published on the website during the week before the monthly meeting.

The parish councillors are elected every four years and **the next elections will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. In order to stand for election as a parish councillor you need to be over 18, be a British Citizen and live in the parish or within 3 miles of it. The full qualifying criteria and more detailed information and can be viewed here -

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/Part%201%20Can%20you%20stand%20for%20election%20Parish%20LGE.pdf>

There is a formal, self-nomination process to go through prior to the election. Most importantly, **nominations to stand for the Parish Council must be received HDC by 4th April 2023** at the latest. Note that an election will only be held if more than five nominations are received by HDC. Further details of the timetable and procedure for standing as a parish council candidate can be viewed on the HDC website via this link from where all relevant forms can be downloaded –

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/parish-elections-2023>

To find out more about being a parish councillor in Burton Overy, please speak to one of the current councillors. Your current parish councillors are –

Bob Warwick (Chair)	-	<a href="mailto:b.warwick@burtonoverypc.org.uk">b.warwick@burtonoverypc.org.uk</a>
Sarah Rankine (Vice-Chair)	-	<a href="mailto:s.rankine@burtonoverypc.org.uk">s.rankine@burtonoverypc.org.uk</a>
Dave Fletcher	-	<a href="mailto:d.fletcher@burtonoverypc.org.uk">d.fletcher@burtonoverypc.org.uk</a>
Bob Pain	-	<a href="mailto:b.pain@burtonoverypc.org.uk">b.pain@burtonoverypc.org.uk</a>
Nina Garner	-	<a href="mailto:n.garner@burtonoverypc.org.uk">n.garner@burtonoverypc.org.uk</a>

Alternatively, you can contact Phil Woodward, the parish clerk, by telephoning 07287 797125 or via email at [clerk@burtonoverypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonoverypc.org.uk)

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