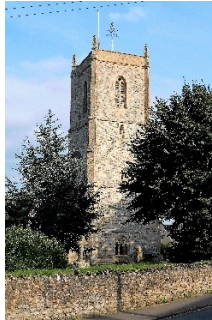




## Passionate about Pucklechurch?

Be extraordinary - help shape and champion your local community

**Become a local parish councillor!**



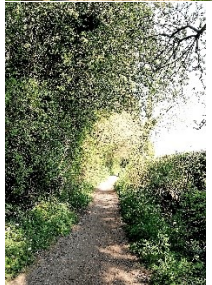
### What is a parish council?

- The first tier of local government and the elected collective voice of the community helping ensure Pucklechurch's voice is heard
- Parish councillors are consulted on a range of matters that affect Pucklechurch.
- Councillors actively participate in influencing the provision and delivery of services and facilities that affect you!
- No individual councillor is responsible for any single decisions, democracy at its best!



### The 9 councillors of Pucklechurch parish council are responsible for:

- The provision and maintenance of our open spaces and play areas.
- Engaging in planning issues as a consultee to South Gloucestershire Council.
- Provision of allotments and burial ground.
- Projects and initiatives to improve provision and protect biodiversity and against climate change.
- Supporting local groups that benefit Pucklechurch.



### What is involved?

- Attend meetings and be part of the decision-making process that affects the community.
- Listen to and understand the views of people in the community.
- Work with key stakeholders such as South Gloucestershire Council to have Pucklechurch's voice heard.
- Act as an ambassador for the community.



### How to become a parish councillor\*?

- If you are over 18, a UK, qualifying commonwealth or citizen of the EU and have lived in, been registered to vote, worked or owned property in Pucklechurch parish for at least 12 months.
- Councillors declare acceptance of public office and observe an ethical code of conduct when acting on behalf of the council.

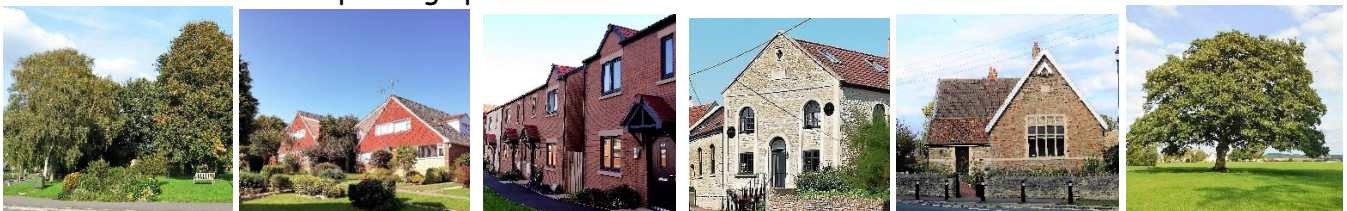
You simply need to bring integrity and a common-sense approach and be willing to look for viable and pragmatic solutions. Full training is available.

### Hear what councillors enjoy!

"capacity to shape the place we live in, the how, where and what it is like to live here."

"helping co-ordinate the community response to junction 18A of the M4."

"speaking up for Pucklechurch so its voice is heard."



\*You cannot stand if you are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order, have a United Kingdom conviction or prison sentence (suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine within last five years or work for the council you want to become a councillor for.