



## MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

### *Why become a councillor?*

Being a councillor is all about giving back to your community by bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude. You can make a real difference to the local community and wider society in many ways as a councillor. For example, you could be representing the views of local people to ensure the community gets the right services, supporting a resident with an issue, or helping to shape the community by driving new ideas.

Being a councillor is a varied and highly fulfilling role. You don't need any experience or special qualification, and you'll gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence.

### *What do councils do?*

Town and parish councils have discretionary legal powers and rights to take action. They play a vital part in representing the interests of local people and improving the quality of life and the local environment. On top of this, they can influence other decision makers and can, in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs

### *What skills do you need to be a parish Councillor?*

You don't need any professional or formal qualifications to be a councillor but the knowledge and experience you have picked up through your work and personal life could be useful. **Communication, listening skills and problem solving skills** will be an asset. Full training and guidance is available.

Local elections will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

For further information on becoming a Parish Councillor please visit:

<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/council/voting-and-elections/election-diary/>

## *Changes to Car Park Charges*

Following a recent review Braunton Parish Council have amended charging in Caen Street and Chaloners Road car parks. The new charges which will take effect from 1st April 2023 are as follows:

**First 30 minutes—30p**

**Up to 1hr—£0.80**

**Up to 2hrs—£1.50**

**Up to 3 hrs—£2.30**

**Each additional hour £0.50**

## *Permits*

Annual permits are available from the Parish Council office for the Caen Street overflow car park. The annual cost has increased to £240 which still represents great value working out at less than £5 per week.

## Braunton Parish Council

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*Hours: 09:00 - 12:00 Monday - Friday*

Tracey Lovell, Clerk to the Council  
Angela Corner, Senior Council Officer



# Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th March in the Parish Hall. Electors are invited to attend the meeting where you can hear an update on the activities that have taken place within the Council and the local community over the year. It is an opportunity to ask questions and meet your local Councillors.

## *Meeting Calendar 2023*

Full Council meetings are currently being held in the Parish Hall and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are currently being held virtually.

**7pm Tuesday 14 March 2023**

**7pm Wednesday 15 March 2023  
Annual Parish Meeting—Braunton Parish Hall**

**7pm Monday 27 March 2023**

