

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
1 Dublin Farm Cottage, Wherwell, SP11 7JW

CONSTITUTION

This constitution written 07 March 2022 hereby revokes all previous constitutions written for or on behalf of Chilbolton Parish Council.

Chilbolton Parish Council consists of eight councillors elected every four years. Test Valley Borough Council maintains the Register of Electors.

THE OBJECTS of Chilbolton Parish Council are to enhance the lives of local residents by creating a safe and attractive place to live by promoting goodwill and involvement in the community, with care in the community for all now and for generations to come. The council will strive to promote the health and wellbeing of all residents and to protect our rural environment.

The purpose of the Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the village's public amenities, and to help the people of Chilbolton to improve their quality of life, in accordance with the Council's vision, and to work in partnership with Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution, and utilise its limited budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Code of Conduct.

The Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part time employee of the Parish Council who will fulfil the role of 'Responsible Financial Officer' and the legal role for council business as 'Proper Officer of the Council'.

The Council meets in public on the first Monday of each month in Chilbolton Village Hall except August or when this is a Bank Holiday, when alternative arrangements are made.

Election will be by ballot of the electorate of the parish.

Where insufficient Councillors have been elected by ballot the Council may nominate at its discretion individuals for co-option to the Council.

A person shall cease to be a member of the Council when having notified the Chairman in writing of their wish to resign.

At the Annual General Meeting held in May each year they will elect from their number a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve for the ensuing twelve months.

The Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its agendas on the parish notice board and community website and minutes are published on the community website. Any member of the public can inspect Council papers and attend Council or committee meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor.

The Constitution may be altered and additional clauses added by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Council present.