

Parish Council Vacancy for Councillor

The Parish Council is now in a position to co-opt a new member of the council following the resignation of a councillor and following the advertisement of the vacancy and the electorate not calling for an election. [See Appendix below (point i)]

Chapmanslade Parish Council

At present Chapmanslade Parish Council has six councillors and 1 vacancy.

The activities of the Council are varied and diverse and are mainly focused on Wiltshire Council consultation on Planning applications within the Parish, Highways Maintenance, Traffic and Community Speed Watch, Footpaths, Neighbourhood Watch. The Council also work closely with the [Area Board](#) in Warminster. The Council also oversees the Village Plan, which is being upgraded to a Parish Plan. Chapmanslade Parish Council are Trustees of the Village Hall and have delegated its management role to the Village Hall committee. The Parish Council do not hold or manage any Trust Funds.

In addition it has a range of other functions:

- as community representatives on other bodies
- powers to provide facilities
- powers to be notified of proposals and surveys
- other miscellaneous powers.

Over the last year (April 17-March 18) the Council planned to meet once in every 2 months with provision to meet every month if required in respect of urgent business e.g Planning applications. The number of meetings actually held in that period were 13.

Meetings are usually held on 1st Thursday of the month where possible and dates for meetings are published on the Chapmanslade Village Home website:

www.chapmanslade.org

For further clarification please see Appendix A (ii) and (iii)

If you are interested in becoming a co-opted member of the council could you please contact the Clerk by E mail at chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk giving a brief statement of the skills you have to offer to the committee by 22nd June 2018. [Half a side of A4 is sufficient!]. Your application will be considered by the council and you will be notified of the council's decision following a meeting to be held on 5th July.

Appendix A

Town and Parish Councils Co-opting a Councillor.

- (i) Some councillors are not elected but co-opted onto the Council. This happens when there are not enough candidates at the time of an election to fill all the vacancies or, when a vacancy occurs mid-term, the electorate does not call for an election. In these circumstances the existing elected councillors, provided there is a quorum (i.e. one third of the whole numbers of members with a minimum of three), can co-opt members to fill the remaining vacancies.*

What is a town/parish council?

- (ii) Town and parish councils are the first layer of local government. They are elected local authorities, which aim to engage local people and respond to their needs, through representation as community advocates or by providing services, for example; the administration of parks or promoting tourism in the local area*

Town and Parish Councillors

- (iii) Each town and parish council is made up of councillors who, on the whole, are elected through the ballot box. Elections are held every four years and the last elections in Wiltshire took place in May 2017.*

By-elections are also held to fill vacant seats as and when they occur.