

## **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

We were saddened to bid farewell recently to Cllr Jake Richardson, who has stood down in light of additional commitments imposed by Covid-19 in respect of his role with the fire service. We thank him for his contribution and wish him and his family well.

We now have one councillor vacancy and are looking to fill it. Councillors play a valuable role in the community. In Burghclere we consider, advise and take a view on a wide range of matters; these include among others the management and maintenance of the Portal Hall and children's playground, litterwarden tasks, footpaths, liaison with the Sports Club, involvement in the Commons and Herbert Plantation and importantly, local planning matters within the parish, including the neighbourhood plan.

At our meetings we hear from the County and Borough Councillors, parishioners and occasionally guest speakers. At present meetings are being conducted remotely using Zoom, although when restrictions permit we will revert to meeting in person in the Portal Hall. We meet at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month, with normally a break in August. We also hold a statutory Annual General Assembly every April to which all residents are invited and at which a guest speaker often gives a presentation.

The Parish Council plays an important role in the community. It can and does make a difference. Often its work is unseen but we are very grateful when it is appreciated! We are keen to fill this position so if you are interested and want to know more please contact me or Jacqui Letsome the parish clerk, whose details are below. We look forward to having new members bringing a fresh eye and enthusiasm to our work.

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