



# Oundle Town Council

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## You should consider becoming an Oundle Town Councillor if:

- You Want To Do Something Positive for Your Community
- You Want To Spend Your Time Productively
- You Want To Be A Voice For Your Local Community

## The Role

Town councillors are elected by the public at an ordinary election, normally held on the first Thursday in May every four years.

Being a Town Councillor is an unpaid position although allowances to cover costs are sometimes available.

## Effort Required

**TIME** - It is possible to spend a lot of time on council work - but most people have jobs, families and hobbies that also demand a lot of time. However, as with most things, the more you put in, the more you (and your community) will get out.

Generally speaking, the larger your community the larger your workload will be. Oundle Town Council is a very active council with meetings normally being held in the evenings.

The meeting days are generally on a Thursday.

The number of meetings you will need to attend will be dependant upon how many Committees and Working Parties you are involved in. The Full Council meeting which you are expected to attend will be held on a monthly basis. It is important that you speak to other Councillors in order that you are aware of the commitment to make sure you can accommodate the work alongside your domestic and/or business arrangements

**COST** - Being a councillor should cost you little. There is usually cover for subsistence and travel allowances if your duties take you out of your local council's area. These allowances will be determined by the council, and will be within a maximum laid down by the Government.

## Eligibility and Requirements

Initially, you may have little knowledge of Council work but this will come, along with experience and confidence.

As a new Councillor you will bring to the Council fresh enthusiasm and new ideas, a care for your community and a willingness to learn.

A candidate for a Town Council is qualified if, when nominated –

1. he or she is a British subject or Irish citizen,
2. is 18 years of age, and
3. is either in the list of electors for that Town or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months
  - a. occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or
  - b. had a principal place of work there, or
  - c. resided in or within three miles of it.

**Application process.**

Interested candidates should apply by writing to Hanneke Soans Acting Town Clerk and provide a brief statement confirming why you would like to be on the Council, the areas of interest you have and the benefits you would bring (an A5 flyer, such as you would deliver to electors, would fit the brief) This should be sent by 4pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Want more information?**

If you have any questions or would you like to know more about the Council, please visit our website [www.oundle.gov.uk](http://www.oundle.gov.uk) contact the office 01832 272055 or speak with any Town Councillor (details on the website)

Paula Prince (Events Officer)