



WARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

What does your Parish Council do ?

The standard answer is that we are the first tier of a three tier system of local government, with Worcester City Council, and Worcester County Council being the next two tiers, all elected by people in the area. Parish Councils were formed by an Act of Parliament in 1894, and we look after the interests of those who live within the parish. The County and City councils are responsible for health, police, education, planning, litter, public transport & highways amongst other things. Parish Councils do have wide powers and authority, but we are in a fairly unique situation in that being part of the City of Worcester area many of those matters are enacted by the City or the County Council.

What we are *not* is probably easier..

- We are nothing to do with the church, who are governed by Parochial Councils (PCC).
- We are not politically affiliated.
- We are not "residents" associations or "lobby" groups.
- Parish Councillors are not paid and do not get expenses or allowance attendances.
- We have no powers to determine Planning Applications, we can only recommend action to the City Council who are the Planning Authority.

However, what we do is represent the residents who live in the Parish of Warndon in matters of local government. Some of these include..

- Local Planning (which covers anything from satellite dishes to new developments and roads)...we make recommendations to the Planning Authority (City Council).
- Economic development
- Environmental matters
- Community projects
- Leisure and recreation matters
- Contact with the City and County Councils
- Complaints (!)
- Information and advice

In addition we have wide powers in relation to the provision of services and facilities which bring direct benefit to the parish.

Councillor Responsibilities.

Finance : Cllr Ray Morris, Cllr Nick Fielden, Cllr Dave Long

Environment : Cllr Valerie Barrall, Cllr Dawn Merriman

Planning & Rights of Way : Cllr Les Morris, Cllr Andy Taylor, Cllr Roger Harris

Leisure & Community Affairs : Cllr Valerie Barrall, Cllr Dawn Merriman