

Wingerworth Parish Council – Consultations with the Community

Wingerworth Parish Council will make every opportunity available to the electorate to ensure excellent communications and community involvement. These will include the following methods;

1. General communications

The Council communicates with our local community through notice boards, social media and on the Council's website. In addition the Council regularly publishes information on Council matters in a bimonthly magazine that is commercially produced and distributed to every residence in the Parish as well as adjoining parts of neighbouring parishes.

2. Parish meetings

The Council reserves a slot for a public forum at all of their monthly meetings when anyone is welcome to raise any matter within the time allocated. There is also an Annual Parish Meeting and an Annual Meeting of Electors when a summary of the Council's activities and financial position is presented and when residents are able to ask questions and raise concerns.

3. The role of the Clerk

The Parish Clerk is employed by the Parish Council to carry out day to day functions of the Council and has overall responsibility for the management of services provided by the Council. They also advise the Council on the powers available for it to carry out its functions.

The Clerk is available at most hours to speak to or correspond with members of the community and where helpful is able to arrange meetings to discuss any matters of concern with the Chair invariably available to join.

Formal representation may be made at any time to the Clerk in writing or by email.

4. The role of the Councillors

Councillors are elected decision makers of the Parish Council. They represent the community and bring issues to the full council for corporate decision to be made. Their contact details are available on the noticeboards and on the council website.

Councillors are very much part of the local community and feed in comments and concerns as well as engaging with local clubs and societies. They are regularly involved with planning issues insofar as they may affect members of the community.

5. Formal consultation events

From time to time the Council organises open meetings to consult on new initiatives or major issues. Recent events have included a Public Planning Consultation and consultations regarding Wingerworth's Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Partnerships

Wingerworth Parish Council will work proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve working relationships with our partners; statutory bodies/organisations, local businesses and voluntary groups.

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