

# ***NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL***

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## **NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

**Newton Parish Council** consists of nine councillors elected every four years.

Rushcliffe Borough Council maintains the Register of Electors. Newton Parish Council's vision is:

*To make Newton a vibrant rural village with a strong community spirit, where everybody matters. The aim is for Newton to be a prosperous, safe and attractive place in which to live and work for present and future generations. The Council recognises that Newton needs to improve its Community spirit and togetherness and supports The One Newton Agenda.*

The purpose of the Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the village's public amenities, and to help the people of Newton to improve their quality of life, in accordance with the Council's vision, and to work in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution, and utilise its limited budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Code of Conduct, which is overseen by the Standards Board England

The Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part time employee of the Parish Council, and will normally fulfil the role of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council meets in public normally on the last Wednesday of each month.

Election will be by ballot of the electorate of the parish.

Where insufficient Councillors have been elected by ballot, the Council may nominate at its discretion individuals for co-option to the Council so long as the total number of co-opted members does not exceed the number of elected members.

A person shall cease to be a member of the Council when having notified the Chairman and Clerk in writing of their wish to resign.

At the Annual General Meeting held in May each year, members will elect from their number a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve for the ensuing twelve months.

The Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its agendas and minutes on the parish notice board and website. Any member of the public can inspect Council papers and attend Council or committee meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor.

The Constitution may be altered and additional clauses added by a resolution passed by Council.

*Bill Banner*

Clerk

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