

New Councillor's Observations – Summary from Cllr Kevin Sheath

- I joined the Parish Council in Q4 2024 and can share the following observations:
- The joining process was straightforward i.e. contact the PC, attend a meeting as observer & then elected next meeting.
- The other Councillors are all friendly, efficient and professional
- All Councillors seem to be busy people and so the meeting agendas are efficiently gone through and matters addressed.
- I was made to feel welcome on the Parish Council and as the newest Councillor, I feel supported.
- I struggle a bit with legacy references to village locations but with gradually touring the village I am now becoming more familiar.
- I recently attended 2 off online training sessions for new councillors – training was useful and concisely delivered.
- I was warned about the perceived long time to get things done and whilst due process must be followed, I suspect there is some scope for moving some matters along a bit faster.
- Whilst the meetings obviously take some time, it is not prohibitive, and I would recommend the role of Councillor to anyone who wished to join us.