

What is a Parish Council?

- ★ Parish Councils are a great way to give residents a more powerful voice than Fareham Borough Council (FBC) and Hampshire County Council MUST listen to.
- ★ It does not replace the County Council or Borough Council but it allows people to have more say over local issues.
- ★ Their role is to represent the community, provide services to meet local needs and improve the quality of life and community well-being.
- ★ They are the first tier of local Government in England. The Localism Act of 2011 gives more authority and power to local government.
- ★ Parish councillors are elected every four years - anyone who fulfils the necessary legal criteria can stand.*
- ★ A Parish Council is a non-political forum, with extensive legal powers and responsibilities.
- ★ They have the legal right to be informed about all planning applications in the community.
- ★ Parish Councils can help support groups in the area through funding, or by publicity.
- ★ A Parish Council has powers to provide or maintain community facilities and is able to formally comment and lobby on matters of interest to the local community. A Parish Council can play a vital part in improving the quality of life and the local environment. In other words a Parish Council can make a difference.

*for information on becoming a councillor, ask to see separate leaflet

To form a **FUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL** we need you to sign a petition which will be presented to Fareham Borough Council.

If we have sufficient support from Funtley residents the Council HAVE to take this further. For this to succeed we would like each individual resident (who is eligible to vote) to sign the petition calling on the Council to hand down local decision-making powers to our village.

To raise money for a Parish Council, a 'precept' (payment) is added to the Council Tax bills for everyone who pays council tax in the village. In Funtley, this would amount to 77p a week per household. All monies collected through the precept MUST be used in the Funtley Parish area.

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS! DON'T LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE



Proposed boundary of Funtley Parish Council