

# Didcot Town Council

## Town Councillor vacancy – get involved!

### Areas managed/owned by Didcot Town Council

- Kynaston Road Cemetery – 4 acre site
- 7 Play Parks
- Skate Park
- Didcot War Memorial
- Diamond Jubilee Garden
- Ladygrove Lakes
- Stubbings Land
- Millenium Wood
- Didcot Civic Hall
- Edmonds Park Pavilion
- Loyd Rec Pavilion
- Edmonds Park Splash Pad
- Willowbrook Leisure Centre
- 5 Allotment sites
- Up to 12 Football Pitches of various sizes
- Fleetmeadow Community Hall
- Outdoor Services Depot

### Services the Town Council provide

- Burials
- Hall/Room/Venue hire
- Allotments
- Maintenance of the open green spaces and parks
- Community Events
- And many more...

In accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council invites interested and eligible individuals to apply for the role of Town Councillor by co-option



### What exactly does Didcot Town Council do?

*"Didcot Town Council strives to make Didcot a better place to live, work and play."*



A local council is a body corporate with perpetual succession. It is composed of a Chairman (Mayor) and Councillors and provides the community with services and facilities such as, burial grounds, allotments, and recreation grounds.

You will join a team of 21 Town Councillors who work together to direct policy and make decisions on behalf of the residents of Didcot.

Didcot Town Council has various Committees which manage the Council's functions and who meet routinely throughout the year. Membership of these Committees are cross party. The Committees are:

- Environment & Climate
- Planning & Development
- Personnel & Administration
- Properties & Facilities
- Finance & General Purposes

### BE PASSIONATE

If you are passionate about Didcot and would like to be involved with helping the Council work towards improving the community, maybe becoming a Town Councillor is what you should do!



The Town Councillors represent the residents as one team regardless of political preference.

The Councillors discuss and debate issues affecting the town and community. They vote on solutions and act as a critical voice to plans from the District and County Councils.

Didcot Town Council is NOT affected by the Government's devolution plans. However, we may receive additional assets to add to our current responsibilities.

If you wish to discuss the role further, please call the Town Clerk on 01235 750036 or via email.

**Your call will be strictly confidential.**

## How can I get involved?

A Councillor's main role is to represent their ward and the people who live in it and serve as a link between the community and the Council.

Didcot Town Councillors do not receive any payment for their role. They give their time voluntarily to the benefit of the community and residents.

It is important for Councillors to engage with residents to ensure they can represent their views and priorities.



**If you are interested in representing and working for your community, here are a few things you will need to know.**

Anyone can become a Councillor, provided that:

- You are at least 18 years old
- You are British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union
- Have lived in the Parish or within 3 miles of the boundary for the past 12 months

### You can't be a Councillor if you:

- Work for the Council, or for another local authority in a political restricted post
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- Have been sentenced to prison for 3 months or more (inc. suspended sentences) during 5 years previously
- Have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court

### How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a written application outlining their experience, skills, and reasons for wanting to join the Town Council (emailed submissions will be accepted). They will also be asked to confirm that they are eligible to stand as a Town Councillor.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Janet Wheeler, the Town Clerk of Didcot Town Council by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.**

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