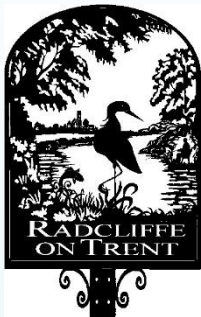


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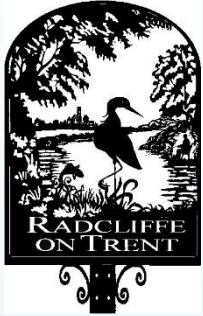


# Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

## Becoming a Parish Councillor

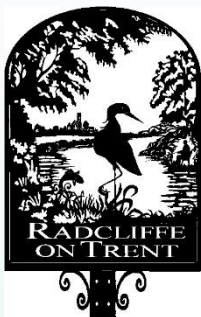




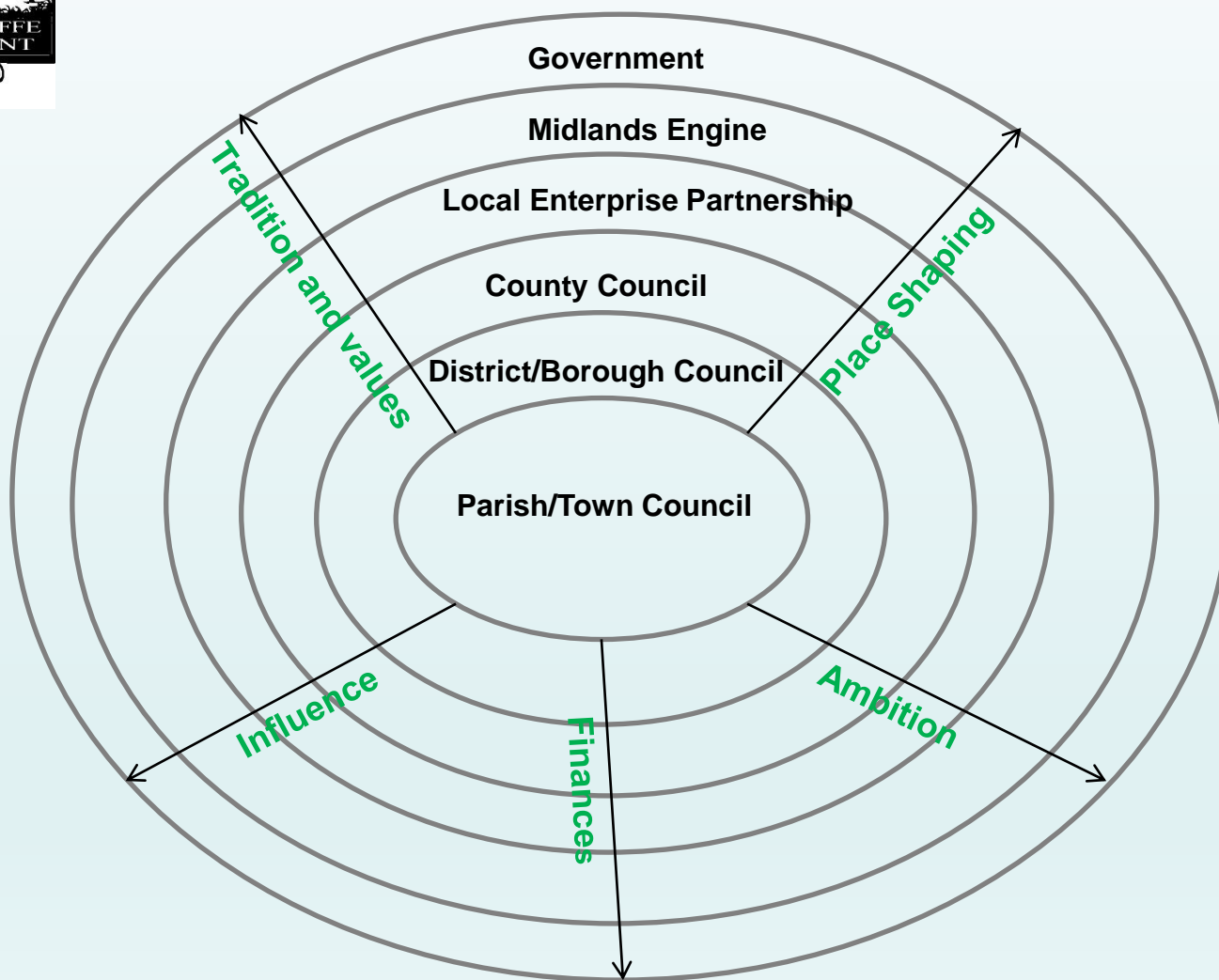


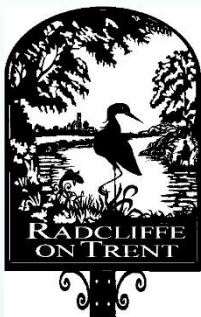
# What are Parish Councils?

- First tier of local government
- Statutory Body
- Elected by residents or can be co-opted if vacant seats
- Can raise their own precept (form of council tax)
- There are 10,000 local councils in England
- There are 120,000 local councillors



# Parish Councils

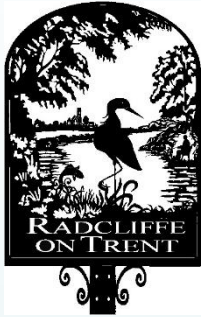




# What isn't a Parish Council's responsibility

There are 2 other councils that deliver services to Radcliffe on Trent:

<b>Rushcliffe Borough Council</b>	<b>Nottinghamshire County Council</b>
Collect Council Tax & Business Rates	Trees, Hedgerows, Countryside Footpaths
Environmental Health & Licensing	Education, Social Care, Adoption Services
Street Naming, Land Searches	Transport, Street Lighting, Blue Badge
Street Cleaning, Litter Bins, Fly Tipping	Road Maintenance & Pot Holes
Grass Cutting Open Spaces, Trees	Trading Standards, Car Parking Wardens
Pest Control, Abandoned Vehicles	Registry Office Services
Electoral Services, Housing Advice	Libraries, Grass Cutting Verges
Planning, Policy, Conservation and Local Plan Decisions, Building Control	Fire & Public Safety



# What Parish Councillors do ?

Local councillors have 3 main areas of work:

## **Decision making**

through attending meetings with other elected members.

Deciding on which activities to support, where money can be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented

## **Monitoring**

Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working

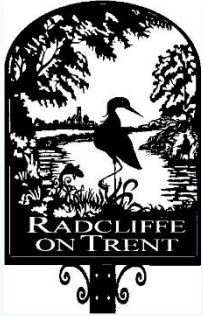
## **Getting involved locally**

As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their residents and local organisations. This depends on what work the councillor wants to achieve and how much time they have available. It may include:

- Attending meetings of local organisations and community groups

- Taking up issues on behalf of residents and making representations to the Borough Council

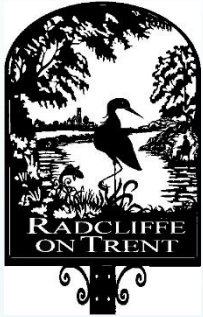
- Meeting with individual residents



# What do Parish Councils do?

- Give communities a voice through representing:
- To the local police and health services
- On planning matters with principal authorities and developers (as consultees)
- To parliament and government

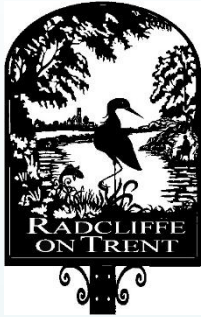




# What do Parish Councils do?

- **Improve quality of life through:**
  - Local housing and infrastructure through neighbourhood plans (Radcliffe's adopted in 2017, currently under review)
  - Acting as Community Hubs
  - Funding community projects and vital services
  - Tackle loneliness – promoting social events



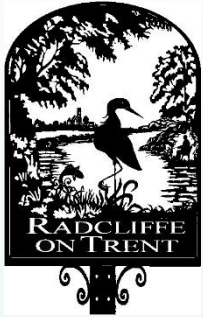


# Delivering Services

## ROTPC Amenities:

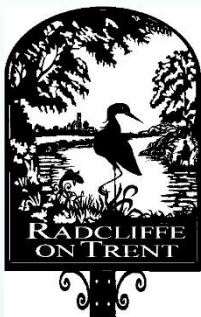
- Cemetery & St Mary's Church Yard
- Grange Hall, The Grange & Grounds/Play Area
- Wharf Lane Recreation Ground
- Skate Park
- Cliff Top, Valley Road Play Area
- Rockley Memorial Gardens
- Bingham Road Play Area
- Local Wildlife Areas (Lily Ponds and Dewberry Hill)
- Public Toilets
- Village Events & Celebrations



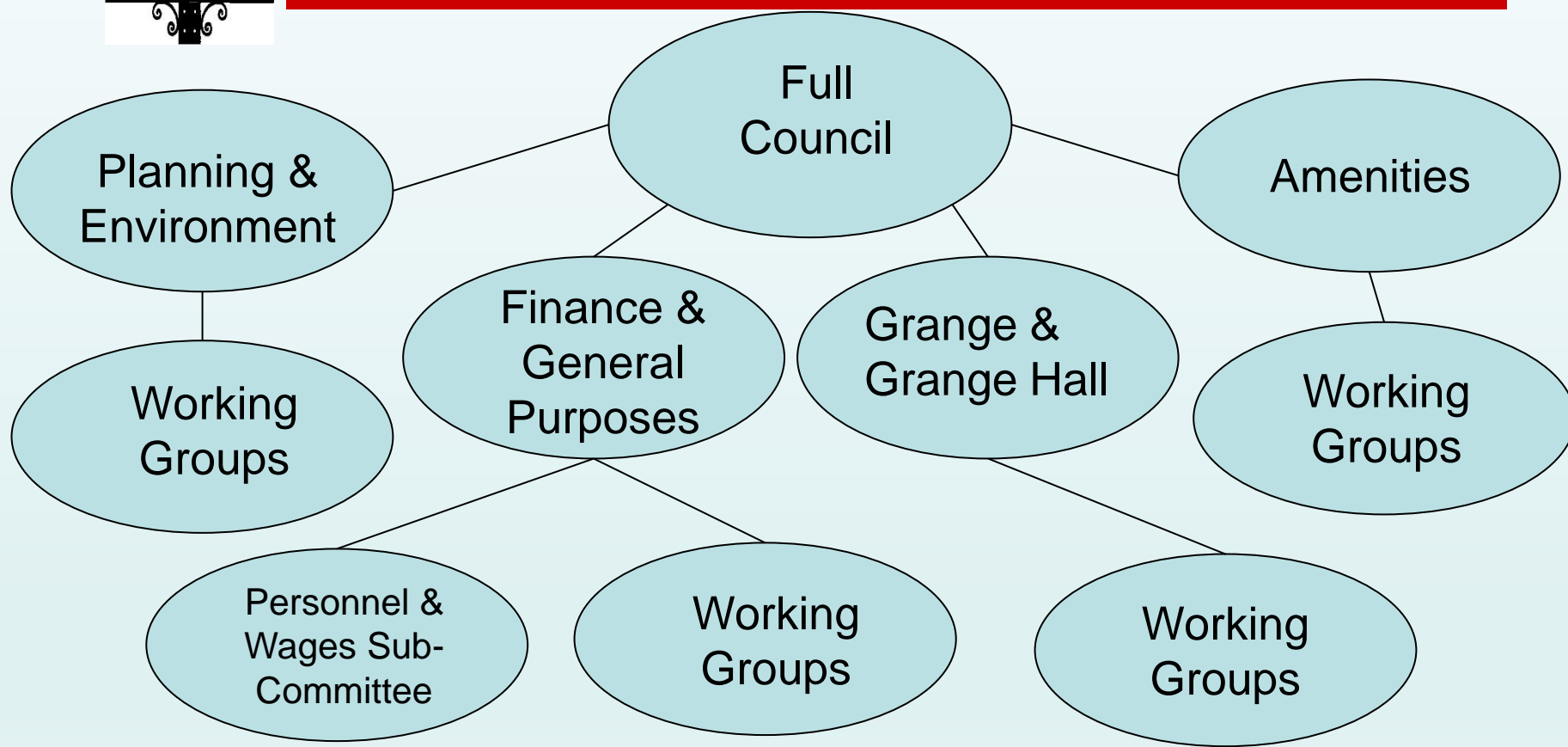


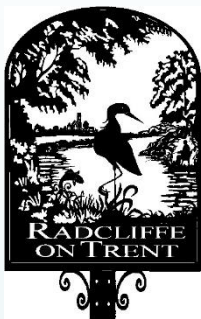
# How does Radcliffe Parish Council get things done?

- Made up of 18 Councillors who meet regularly to make decisions about the Parish Councils direction and the work it does for the community (supported by information gathered by smaller working groups)
- We are financed by a sum of money each year (precept) collected through your council tax as well as other income streams
- This is then reinvested in the community to improve facilities and services
- ROTPC can apply for grants and loans and can receive money from rents or assets



# ROTPC Committees





# Working Groups

## Planning & Environment

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Environment & Carbon Clever
- Trains
- CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

## Finance & General Purposes

- Audit
- Publicity & Publications
- Health & Safety
- Budget
- Personnel

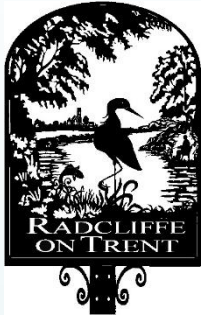
## Amenities

- Grounds Maintenance/ Local Wildlife Sites
- Play Equipment
- Leisure
- Football/Skate Park

## Grange & Grange Hall

- Licensing
- Facilities Management
- PR / Marketing
- Events /Pricing
- Building / User Health & Safety

Plus adhoc Working Groups e.g Litter Picking events etc



# Meetings

**Parish Council Meetings** are held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Grange

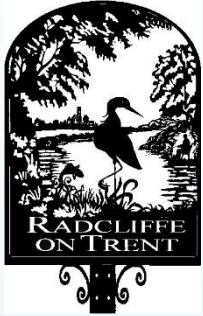
**Alternating :**

Full Council - Planning and Environment - Finance & General Purposes and Grange & Grange Hall

Councillors request items to be put on an Agenda via the Clerk. Meetings are governed by Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. ROTPC has also adopted the National Model Code of Conduct.

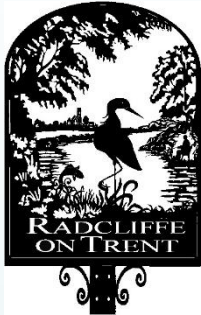
**Working Group Meetings** are held at various times by mutual convenience daytime and evenings, face to face or zoom.





# The role of a Parish Councillor

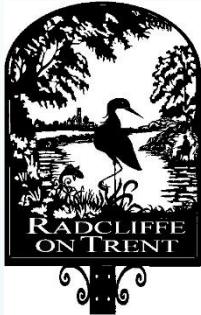
- Parish Councillors are collectively responsible for making Council Policy for which they are accountable to the electorate and Staff implement the lawful decisions.
- Parish Councillors are not directly involved in the day-to-day provision of services to the public and do not have any decision taking powers as individuals and do not direct staff.
- Councillors are responsible for taking the lead in representing and leading their communities.
- It is Councillors who must ensure that the council works effectively with its partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors in promoting and maintaining the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Council and local people.



# Could I become a Parish Councillor?

- As a local councillor you become a voice for your community and make a real change
- Local councillors have to be residents of the area their local council serves
- Councillors spend on average about three hours a week on council work, it all depends on time available and interests
- Working as a local councillor is a completely voluntary role without remuneration
- Councillors are elected by people who live in the parish or after an election any unfilled seats may be filled by co-option

**Still interested?**



# Eligibility Criteria

## **Eligible:**

- Be at least 18 Years Old
- Be a British Commonwealth or European Citizen
- During the previous 12 months have worked in the Parish (as your principal place of work, or;
- For the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the Parish or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary

## **Disqualifications:**

- Hold any paid office or employment within the Council
- The subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order under S267(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 or
- Within the last 5 years been convicted of any offence and have passed on you a sentence of imprisonment of at least 3 months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine, or
- Have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or were responsible for incurring expenditure and the court orders your disqualification



# How do I apply?

- Election Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Complete the application pack available from the Grange Hall Office
- Submit it to RBC by 04/04/2023
- If more than 18 candidates put forward an election will take place.