Aylburton Parish Council

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Why is it Important to Vote in Local Elections?

Did you know that your local councillors are either responsible for, take an active part in, or are consulted on nearly everything happening in your area that affects you and your family? Parish and Town Councils are responsible for many things like bus shelters, litter bins, local halls and community centres, parks and public clocks and footpaths, to name but a few. Parish and Town Councils are also consulted on planning applications, highway improvements, street signs, grant funding and projects that affect where you live and what facilities your community has or receives.

Everything we encounter affects how we feel and what we do. You might ask yourself how much effort you make to ensure these feelings are known locally. Voting in parish and town council elections takes little time but has a daily impact on you for the next four years. Elected councillors remain in office for a four-year term and their decisions will affect the future for your community. If you leave voting to others because you feel you have no time or don't know enough, you will end up with the opinions and wishes of others. Voting for those you feel will reflect your views will send a clear message of your opinions.

It is said 'people get the local council they deserve'. Do you know who in your community is standing for Election and what they hope to achieve? This information should be on your parish noticeboards and displayed around your community and on social media and the Council website. If you cannot find this information your Parish/Town Clerk will be able to advise you.

Parish and Town Councillors live side by side with you in your community. They are the most local level of government, being easily contacted and directly answerable to the community every time they walk out their front door. They raise money through your council tax to action their decisions and you need to be sure that you have voted for the right people to look after your community and in turn given voice to your opinions.