

Introduction

Associate membership to Denham Parish Council is open to anyone considering becoming a Parish Councillor.

Rules and Guidance for Associate Members

- Associate Members are required to attend full Council Meeting and two Committee Meetings
- There is no fixed probationary period for Associate Members, and they remain as Associates as long as mutually agreed. Associates may become full members at any time providing there is a vacancy, and it is agreed by Full Council. A Casual Vacancy must be advertised, if ten residents of the Parish or more contact the Returning Officer and request an election, this position will be filled by election. If an election is not requested that Associate may be co-opted as a member of the Council. Full Council must agree to co-opt any Associate Members if there are vacancies.
- Associate Members are required to declare publicly any interest that they might have in any matter (whether it is apparent in the agenda or not) immediately prior to any discussion on it. They should state whether it is a personal interest only, or a prejudicial interest as well, and what the nature of the interest is.
- Associates will be sent all Agendas and Minutes for meetings on which they sit apart from Part 2 sessions of committee, or Full Council.
- Associate Members are expected to sign up to the Parish Council Code of Conduct and to behave as a Councillor would at all times.
- Associate Members can sit on committees and speak through the Chairman but have no vote and cannot participate in Part II discussions (confidential matters).
- Associate Members are expected to adhere to and sign the same confidentiality agreement as full Councillors.
- Co-opted members are not entitled to claim any allowances.

Derek Wilson – Executive Clerk