



STISTED PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR VOICE - YOUR VOTE IN OUR LOCAL ELECTIONS

Do you want to make a difference to our community through the local council?

If you have views on how to help our local community, you can stand to be a councillor and help to make that difference happen – it could be services for the elderly, youth groups for children or improvements to our open spaces. You can input to change the future of the parish and bring new ideas for how we can work together.

What is your Parish Council and what does it do?

Stisted Parish Council is your local authority to represent your views and make decisions on behalf of the parish. It is the first-place people can bring their concerns or ideas – we are always here to listen to you. We need people to engage with us so that we can get it right for you. It may be something as big as Affordable Housing for the village or as small as changes to the Community

Shop or Community Bus Service.



The council manages many things on behalf of the parish, including the Village

Green (shown with most of the village standing on it for the millennium), the playing field with all the adult fitness and children's play equipment, and all the street lighting. There are even outdoor exercise classes on the field in the summer.



Last year we seeded verges with native wildflowers for a stunning display admired by many of you. There was even a bank of Ox Eye Daisies as well.

The Parish Council has 11 monthly Parish Meetings, and the public can attend all or any of these to see what is happening in their community. You should attend a meeting if you haven't already to see what happens.

How many Elected Representatives (Councillors) do you have in Stisted?

Stisted is a small rural parish and has seven councillors. Councillors are elected democratically by the public at council elections, and they stand for a term of four years. Occasionally a councillor may retire from service or step down from office so creating a "casual vacancy". You, the public, can request an election and nominate people for this vacancy or it can be advertised later if there are no nominations. The council can vote to appoint a new councillor from those people who apply.

We have a vacancy for a councillor - Could you be a councillor?

Are you enthusiastic and full of ideas, do you want to make a difference and help to shape the future community – if so, you could be just the person we are looking for to join the team. Everyone makes their own unique contribution, and you will have a responsibility to be well informed about the parish and all its diverse views. You must know and consult with your electors to be able to represent them

What skills do you need

It is important that the council is made up of people from a range of backgrounds with different skills and life experiences. You could have family skills gained through raising a young family and understand the views of parents, or you may have skills from caring for elderly relatives. Others may have a profession. You don't need any special skills and will be given any training you may need. Various types of skills are very useful for the role of councillor



Next Council Meeting 3rd September 2025, Montefiore, Stisted, 7.30 pm

These include:

- ✓ Communication Skills to listen and talk with people and understand differing viewpoints
- ✓ Team working / partnership with other councillors
- ✓ Time Management – for keeping appointments and meeting deadlines
- ✓ Being flexible, adaptable, and open minded
- ✓ Problem solving, questioning and analytical skills
- ✓ Decision making – you will be asked to vote to approve decisions in council meetings



Do you have IT skills – could you design us a new rural logo that reflects the amount of wildlife in our area?

Are you Eligible – You need to meet the Criteria Below, and be able to give a few hours each week

To apply email for an application form clerk@stisted-pc.gov.uk to return in early September (date will be on notice board by start of Sept

Is there another way to get involved?

Even if you decide that being a councillor is not the thing for you right now, you can still volunteer to help on our current working groups for Climate and Nature or for a Playing Field Revamp. You can still share in views and make a difference

At the next Government Election.....

In the UK you vote by post, by proxy or in person. But you must remember to register to vote and then place your vote on the day. Please vote at our next



government election for your choice of Parish Councillors. And don't forget to take your photo ID.



Are you eligible to be a parish councillor? You must be over 18 and:

