**BEARLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ROLE DEFINITION FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Role**

1. To participate in the governance of the Parish.
2. To represent the community to the Council and the Council to the community.
3. To help to further develop the Parish as a good place to live and encourage people to participate.
4. To keep up to date with significant developments affecting the Parish Council.

**Commitments**

1. To attend Parish Council meetings.
2. To prepare for meetings and be properly informed about the issues to be discussed.
3. To take part in meetings and form sound judgements based on what is best for the community and then abide by majority decisions.
4. To assist in the management of the Parish Council in drawing up its strategy, policies and budgets and to help review these when required.
5. To participate effectively as a member of any committee or working party to which the Councillor is appointed.
6. To listen to local people and represent their interests when discussing Council business, and deal with their enquiries and complaints.
7. To represent the Parish Council and the whole electorate when serving on outside bodies to which the Councillor is appointed.

**Standards of Behaviour**

1. To maintain high ethical standards in complying with the Code of Conduct for Councillors [Bearley Parish Council - Code of Conduct 2022](https://bearley.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Code-of-Conduct-2022.pdf)
2. To uphold the Parish Council’s Standing Orders for the conduct of its meetings [Standing-Orders-May-2023.pdf (bearley.org)](https://bearley.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Standing-Orders-May-2023.pdf)