

## What are local councils?

Pitstone Parish Council (PPC) is one of over 8,700 parish, town, community and neighbourhood councils representing around 16 million people across England.

It forms the most local level of government and covers the parish of Pitstone, which reaches along Stocks Road towards Aldbury and right up into Ashridge – a population of nearly 3,000 people.

## How do I contact my local councillor?

You will receive a copy of the Pitstone Parish Post (PPP) free to your home on a quarterly basis. Details of all the council members and the Clerk to the Council can be found inside the cover. Our contact details can also be found on the village web site and the village notice-boards.

PPP is full of updates from the parish council about all the latest initiatives. Please make time to read this publication and spare a moment to respond to our consultations.

We welcome and encourage your participation at our meetings, with our project groups, on one of our committees, by responding to our questionnaires or just letting us know your opinion.

As councillors we are here to reflect the views of the local community and we would love to hear from you.

## How are your local councillors elected?

Local councillors are elected to represent a geographical area known as the parish and serve a 4 year term of office. They are elected by people who live in the area. The most recent election took place in May 2015.



## For more information:

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Join our Facebook groups: **Pitstone Parish  
Council** and **Pitstone Youth**

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Web Site: **www.pitstone.co.uk**

## Major Projects

This leaflet is about the current major projects for the parish council and how you can contribute positively to local planning processes and new provisions within your community.

## Pitstone Village Centre Development

In 2005 the land to the top and side of the recreation ground was identified as a development area for community facilities and further housing within the Pitstone Comprehensive Development Plan.

A Development Plan was been created by the Parish Council and the two landowners, and a set of policy statements were included within the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan.

The developer appointed by the landowners submitted planning applications (a full planning application for residential properties and multi-use games area plus two outline applications for a day nursery and a public house/restaurant as required by the neighbourhood plan) to Aylesbury Vale District Council in May 2017. AVDC granted permission for the two outline permissions and the parish council is waiting to hear the outcome of the residential application.

The vision is for the recreation ground, the hall and the surrounding area to become the new heart of Pitstone – joining the old part of the village to Castlemead. We hope it will be a pleasant area that people want to enjoy. We also hope the development of the land will unlock the ability to install a skate park and new play space to replace the equipment on the recreation ground.

The Memorial Hall Charity are also looking at plans to extend the Memorial Hall building and the existing facilities to better meet the needs of the growing community.

## Sport and Leisure Development

The Parish Council has ambitious plans to update and extend the sports and leisure provision within the parish.

As soon as the current land can be secured, the first phase of the village leisure enhancement program will see the removal of the old playground equipment from the recreation ground (some of which is now 30 years old) and the installation of a new and challenging play space for children of all ages.

If this land can be secured, we hope to install a concrete skate park to be located adjacent to the new play space and the multi-use games area being installed as part of the village centre development.

On the other side of the road, there are plans to extend and enhance the pavilion site to enable a wider variety of sports to be played there including netball and tennis. The football facilities will also be improved to meet the minimum requirements of Step 6 in the South Midlands League and the building itself will be re-developed to include a function room and proper kitchen facilities amongst other enhancements, which will also facilitate general hire by the community.

All the above will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds and may be staggered over a number of phases and years as resources become available. However, it is hoped that all will be delivered within the next 5 years.

## Pitstone Youth Cafe

94% of the young people we spoke to in the parish told the council that they would love somewhere safe to hang out and have fun with their friends. The older generation said that they would like somewhere for the youths to go, rather than hang around the streets. So the parish council set up the Youth Café.

If you are aged between 11 & 18 years, you're welcome to come along and take advantage of all the facilities provided (such as computers, games, sports, skate ramps, table tennis, snooker etc). There is a £2 per session entry fee towards the running costs, and this includes free squash/toasties. Other refreshments are available from the tuck shop (eg chocolate bars, cans of drink) so you may like to bring some extra money.

The Cafe is supervised by our qualified youth worker, and our assistant youth worker, who will also provide support and guidance to those attending. We have another 6-8 volunteer adults on site each week.

The aim is for the Cafe to evolve over time, depending on the needs of the young people attending it. It will also work with other community groups to improve links between our young parishioners and the rest of the village.

The cafe is open from 6.30-8.00pm each Wednesday during term time in the hall at Brookmead school. If you are interested in helping at the Cafe, please do get in touch, as we can't operate with the support of our volunteers.