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Following the uncontested election on 5<sup>th</sup> May, three councillors decided not to continue on the parish council. We are sorry to see Ann Gihon, and Jenny and Rob Folkard step down. Ann was very proactive in the running of the allotments and supported the Chair, Christine, in her capacity as Vice-Chair. For many years, Jenny has been our liaison officer with the National Trust and reported all our faulty streetlights to County Council. Also, both Jenny and Rob have kept an eye on the recreation ground. We would like to thank them all for their dedication and hard work over the years supporting the parish council and Montacute's residents.

We were very happy to co-opt three new members onto the council at our Annual Parish Council meeting, and welcome Leona Drayton, Sue Ritchie and Alisdair McFarlane. Christine Saint was re-elected as Chair. We also welcome Mike Hewitson and Oliver Patrick, who are our newly elected Unitary Authority Councillors. For the next year, until April 2023, Mike and Oliver will be our County Councillors and Tony Capozzoli will continue as our District Councillor.

We still have five vacancies on the parish council and would welcome anyone who is passionate about our community. If you want to help to make a difference and have a say in the way the village is run, then this is for you. As a council, we are here to support the community as a whole, listen to what you have to say and effect change.

We meet once a month on the third Monday of the month in the village hall with the exception of August and December. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with the village's organisations, decision making and talking to the community about their needs. We make sure a number of services are taken care of in the village such as land maintenance, managing the allotments and open spaces, consulting on planning applications, maintaining the play area, liaising with the village's organisations and giving grants.

If you are over 18 and live in the village or within 3 miles of the village and, want to make sure the village is managed by its residents and not a larger faceless government body then contact the **Parish Clerk** on [clerk\\_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk). If you want to see what we do, please come along to a Parish Council meeting and meet the council.

#### **CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall and the next meeting will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm**. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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