



## **Awbridge Parish Council**

### **Chairman of the Parish Council – Councillor Grahame Jackson**

Dear Applicant

#### **Post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to Awbridge Parish Council.

The post is becoming vacant on 30 November 2023 upon the retirement of our existing Clerk. Ideally, we would like to appoint his replacement before that date to provide a handover period.

Awbridge is a small village and civil parish in the Test Valley district of Hampshire, about three miles northwest of Romsey, and near the River Test. According to the 2011 census the parish, which includes the villages of Awbridge, Upper Ratley and Lower Ratley, had a population of 712. It is within walking distance of Kimbridge, Dunbridge and Mottisfont, with Dunbridge providing a railway link to both Salisbury (to the northwest) and Southampton (to the south).

The constitution of Awbridge Parish Council allows for 7 elected Members. There are no Wards. The Parish Council precept for 2023/24 is £12,800. The Parish Council owns no land. The Village Hall and the adjacent playing field, with its various pieces of play and recreational equipment, is the responsibility of Awbridge Village Hall Trust.

A working group consisting of parishioner volunteers, headed by a parish council member, is working with a planning consultant to produce a neighbourhood development plan for the parish. The Plan will help the Awbridge community to protecting local green spaces, bring forward housing that genuinely meets local needs, and give local people a direct say in the future development of their area.

We have a current traffic calming project which will seek to slow traffic through the village by means of village gateways and signs.

The Parish Council meets 6-weekly on a Thursday at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council has a website which is maintained by the Clerk, with support available from the website host company.

As Chairman of the Parish Council, I look forward to meeting with you should you decide to apply.

If you would like an informal chat about the post and the work of Awbridge Parish Council, our Clerk, Ian Milsom, will be very willing to take your call. He can be contacted on 077 454 11274.

Yours sincerely

*Grahame Jackson*

Chairman