



OAKLEY & DEANE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was formed in 1894 and contained the hamlet of Malshanger and Church Oakley, whilst East Oakley and Newfound were part of the Parish of Wootton St Lawrence. In 1966 it was agreed to amalgamate the Parish of Church Oakley, East Oakley and the Newfound elements of the Parish of Wootton St Lawrence. In May 1968 these areas were brought together into the new Oakley Parish Council. Church Oakley, East Oakley and Newfound are now jointly referred to as Oakley. In 1976 Deane Parish Meeting was amalgamated with Oakley Parish Council to become the Oakley & Deane Parish Council.

The population is just under 6,000 living in approximately 2,500 dwellings. The area is divided into five wards for electoral purposes, but the thirteen councillors serve the whole community rather than their individual wards. The Parish Council is a non-political organisation and party political statements should not be made during council meetings.

Oakley & Deane Parish Council is responsible for the following specific areas:

- Andover Road Allotment Site
- St Leonard's Churchyard
- Oakley Burial Ground
- Beach Park with its public tennis courts, skate-board park, dog-walking area and toddlers play area
- Peter Houseman Sports Ground and its new pavilion mainly used for football
- Newfound Sports Grounds and Pavilion catering for football and cricket
- Avon Road Play Area
- Upper Farm Road Play Area
- Two village ponds
- Litter clearance under an Agency Agreement with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

The work of the Parish Council is carried out within informal working parties, each reporting back to the full council each month. The main working parties are:

- Burial ground and churchyard
- Environment
- Finance
- Highways and transport
- Publicity including events held by the Parish Council
- Sports grounds and play areas

Planning is dealt with as a separate formal committee given powers to take decisions on behalf of the whole council. Their fortnightly meetings are held in public.

Councillors are also appointed to represent the Parish Council on various village, borough and county organisations.