## "NETHERFIELD NEEDS YOU"



Battle Town Council currently has a vacancy in the Netherfield Ward.

If you live in the Battle/Netherfield Ward and would be interested in helping serve your community please read on!

## What would I do?

- The Council is controlled by Acts of Parliament and we can only do what we have been given a specific power to do by Statute.
- ❖ We have a wide range of direct responsibilities including: allotments, street lighting, recreation areas and the cemetery.
- ❖ We comment on services provided by the County and District Councils. In particular we **comment on all planning applications** and related matters within the Town Council area.
- The Clerk implements these decisions and provides independent, objective and professional advice, information and administrative support.
- ❖ Each year we set a budget for the Council's activities. The bulk of this is normally funded through the local element of the Council Tax known as the precept.
- Councillor training is available on a wide range of topics.

## When?

- ❖ Meetings are Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. currently via Zoom due to COVID 19
- ❖ All Councillors attend **Full Council** meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.
- The Council then has 4 committees Environment, External Relations & Town Development, Finance & General Purposes and Planning & Transportation.
- Councillors choose each year which Committees to be members of. These Committees meet bimonthly (apart from Planning & Transportation who meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month).

There are also opportunities to join in with social events such as the Battle in Bloom Awards and other Council functions.

For further information on becoming a Councillor you can visit <a href="http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide">http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide</a> or contact Carol Harris, Town Clerk, at The Almonry on (01424) 772210 for an informal chat or email <a href="mailto:clerk@battletowncouncil.gov.uk">clerk@battletowncouncil.gov.uk</a>.

All meetings are open to the public so why not come along to one and see how you could join the team. Dates of meetings are available on the Council's website.