

July 2026

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BORDEN – BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Borden Parish Council has **vacant Parish Councillor seats** and is inviting enthusiastic residents to apply for co-option. Co-opted councillors are not elected but are appointed by a vote of the existing Council.

### What does the Parish Council do?

As a Parish Councillor, you can make a real difference by representing residents and helping to shape the future of Borden. Councillors volunteer their time to make decisions that improve the parish and enhance community life.

The Parish Council is responsible for a wide range of community matters, including:

- Managing and maintaining community open spaces, including the Playstool Recreation Ground, the Nature Reserve and other Parish Council-owned land.
- Providing and maintaining local facilities, including some street lighting and the public toilets at Playstool.
- Setting the annual budget and ensuring public funds are spent wisely for the benefit of the community.
- Commenting on planning applications to represent local views.
- Working with Kent County Council on road safety and other local matters.
- Liaising with Kent Police and other authorities to raise community concerns.
- Organising community events and supporting local initiatives.

### Thinking of applying?

Come along to our next Parish Council monthly meeting on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026** at the **Pavilion on Wises Lane from 7 p.m.** to see how the Council works before deciding to apply.

### Who can apply?

You may be eligible to become a Parish Councillor if you:

- are at least 18 years old;
- are a British, Commonwealth or Irish citizen, or a qualifying citizen of another eligible state;
- and meet one of the following legal qualification criteria:
  - You are registered as a local government elector in the parish
  - You have lived in the parish (or within 3 miles) for the last 12 months
  - You have worked in the parish during the last 12 months
  - You own or rent land/premise in the parish

### How to apply

Download an application from the Councillor Vacancies page on the Parish Council website [www.bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk for further information.

Completed application forms should be emailed to [clerk@bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk) by **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026**.

**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BORDEN, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**