

# Misterton Parish Council

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## Further information

Further information about the Parish Council is available:

- through attendance at Parish Council meetings
- from the Clerk, David Wright, at the Parish Council office, or by writing, phoning or e-mail - see next page for details.
- minutes of meetings, lodged in the Library and Post Office
- by standing for election to the Parish Council

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# Misterton Parish Council

**The Parish Council** is a tier of local government covering the village of Misterton. There are over 10,500 parish and community councils in England and Wales.

## What the Parish Council does

The Parish Council has a range of local responsibilities:

- management and maintenance of amenity and common land. In Misterton, this is Church Meadow, the Pudge, Windmill Corner, the entrance to the former Packet Inn site, Gravelholes Lane (west end), School Corner, and other small grassed areas
- maintenance of the sports field
- provision of amenities, like the ballcourt and play area on the sports field, the play equipment on Church Meadow, and the bus shelter on the Pudge
- support for village sports, arts and other groups and charities. The Parish Council has supported the sports clubs, and the village arts group, Tiresias, among many others
- administering grants to needy people in the village
- providing information, such as provision of noticeboards
- representation on the Misterton Area Partnership (MAP). MAP is working towards regeneration of the villages of Misterton and West Stockwith and the surrounding area
- representation on a number of other local groups and charities, including the Joint Burial Committee (responsible for the cemetery and part of the church graveyard)
- giving an opinion on planning applications affecting land or property within the village

## Composition of the Parish Council

Misterton Parish Council consists of 13 elected councillors - volunteers drawn from the local area, and a salaried clerk (also called an officer). Councillors (also called members) are elected every four

years - the next elections are in 2006. The chairman and vice-chairman are elected from among councillors.

Current Parish Councillors in Misterton do not represent political parties but the interests of the village in general, although there is nothing to prevent people from political parties from standing for election.

## Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month every month except August. A Finance Committee meets in January. The General Purposes Committee (involving all members) meets on the last Tuesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September, and November. All meetings are open to the public other than when confidential business is being considered. At the beginning of the main meeting, there is a public discussion period, when people have the opportunity to bring up matters that are of concern or interest to the village as a whole.

The Parish Council has an office in the Old School House; the clerk is there on Thursday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30am.

## Budget

The Council's budget is set each January, when the needs of the village in the forthcoming year are discussed and priorities agreed and costed. The budget (precept) is raised by Bassetlaw District Council through the council tax: it gives the Parish Council the precept in two instalments during the year. The Parish Council's current budget is around £30,630 a year. This is the equivalent of £15.47 for every man, woman and child living in the village.

## Working with other councils

There are some matters that are dealt with more effectively by a number of parish councils working together.

Misterton Parish Council collaborates with Beckingham-cum-Saundby, Everton, Gringley on the Hill, Walkeringham, and West Stockwith Parish Councils on issues like policing, etc. through the new North East Bassetlaw Forum.

## Future plans

The Parish Council plans to:

- set up a one-stop community information point with Nottinghamshire Police and Bassetlaw District Council and for use by other organisations
- continue to support MAP and the regeneration of the area, playing its part to achieve the aims of the Parish Plan published in December 2003. MAP's action plan is available on the website: [www.mistertonareapartnership.org.uk](http://www.mistertonareapartnership.org.uk)

## Standing for election

Local people who are Commonwealth or Euronational citizens can stand for election if they meet one of certain criteria: being listed on the electoral roll or, for at least a year, being either resident in or within 3 miles of the Parish, occupying land in the Parish as owner or tenant, or having their principal or only place of work there. Elections are held every four years (2006, 2010, etc).

Misterton Councillors receive no payment for their membership of the Parish Council, but they can claim travel expenses for approved Council business.

Councillors have to declare various interests. The register of Councillors' interests is kept by Bassetlaw District Council. Councillors also have to agree to and abide by a code of conduct

## Complaints

The Parish Council has a complaints procedure. Complaints about the Parish Council's procedures or administration should be put in writing to the Clerk or the Chairman.