



## **GREAT DAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Great Dawley Town Council - this is no Vicar of Dibley!**

Great Dawley Town Council was formed in 1988 and is the parish authority for Dawley and Malinslee, with a population of approximately 12,000 and an electorate of 8209.

The Town Council is divided into two wards, Dawley and Malinslee and has a total of fourteen members divided equally between the two wards.

The Council is administered from Great Dawley Town Council offices at Dawley Town Hall, New Street, in the heart of Dawley District Centre. There is a staff of eleven – 8.05 Full time equivalents. The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer is Clare Turner who joined the Town Council in November 2014.

The Full Council meets six times per year including the Annual Council Meeting in May. The Executive Committee meets six times per year and there are a number of sub-committees which meet as and when required: Personnel Committee, Entertainment Committee, Planning Committee.

The Town Council has a number of responsibilities and services it delivers for the local community and these items are paid through the annual precept and budget setting process.

### **Buildings**

The Town Council is responsible for the management and running of a number of community buildings including Dawley House and Dawley Town Hall.

As part of the services provide to the community there are rooms / halls that are rented out to community groups and private hire at an affordable rate.

### **Services**

- Dawley & Malinslee Community Library - open 22.5 hours per week
- Street Market - held on Dawley High Street every Friday
- Police Community Support Officer - support the local policing team
- Parish Environmental Team (PET) - to add value to the local environment
- Sweeper - sweeps the paths throughout the parish area
- Gardening Service - provides free gardening to the over 70's / disabled within the parish
- Roundabout Scheme - provides an opportunity for the local businesses to advertise on the roundabouts within the parish
- Bus Shelters - manages and maintains a number of bus shelters within the parish area

### **Events**

The Town Council arrange and manage a number of free community events for the community; as well as arrange and managed a number of paid events for the local community to enjoy. For 2018/19 there will be a total of 112 events.

- Dawley Day - Community Event - free event for the family to enjoy. With free activities and acts on the community stage. (average attendance throughout the day is 2,500 people)

- Malinslee & Dawley Bank Day - Community Event - free event for the family to enjoy. With free activities and acts on the community stage. Also hosts an annual football tournament. (average attendance throughout the day is 1,500 people)
- Dawley Christmas Light Switch-on - held on a Friday night in December. Free event. (average attendance 2,000 people)
- Malinslee Christmas Light Switch-on - held on the last Friday in November. Free event. (average attendance 1,000 people)
- Great Dawley Dinner - held every Friday. A hot cooked meal, pudding and unlimited tea and coffee for £4.00 (attendance is 50 to 60 people each week)
- Great Dawley Breakfast Club - held in the school holidays a free breakfast club (average attendance is 12 families)
- Great Dawley Tea Dance - held the second Tuesday of each month in the summer months, afternoon tea and live music. Ticket price is £4.50 per person. (average attendance is 80 people per month)
- Over 60's Christmas Party – held in December each year. (attendance over 3 days is 240 people)
- Under 16's disco - held once a month entrance fee is £1.00. (average attendance is 30 young people)
- School holiday activities - held in the school holidays. Free to attend.
- Great Dawley Flix - film club held in the school holidays,. Free to attend.
- Great Dawley Bandstand - first Friday of each month music in the bandstand.
- Other adhoc events are also held during the year.

### **Newsletter**

The Town Council creates and distributes a newsletter to every household within the parish area, 4 times per year.

### **Grants**

The Town Council has a number of grants the local community groups can apply for during the financial year.