



What Is a Parish Council and What Does Doxey Parish Council Do for You?

Doxey Parish Council is your most local level of government. We're made up of local councillors who live in or care deeply about Doxey, supported by a professional Parish Clerk. We are holders of public office; democratically elected representatives bound by a formal code of conduct with statutory duties. Our role is simple: to represent residents, look after local amenities, and be a strong local voice in decisions that affect our community. We do not get paid for our time.

What is a Parish Council?

Parish councils are statutory bodies - which means we're part of the formal system of local government. We work alongside Stafford Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council, but focus purely on local issues in Doxey.

We don't replace borough or county councils; instead, we:

- Deal with local, day-to-day matters
- Speak up for residents on bigger decisions
- Help improve the quality of life in the parish

What Does Doxey Parish Council Do?

Look After Local Spaces

We directly own and maintain Castle View Park, ensuring it remains a safe, welcoming and well-kept space for residents of all ages.

We also provide Civic Amenities three times a year. These are organised opportunities for residents to responsibly dispose of bulky household items and garden waste that cannot be collected through normal bin services, helping keep the parish tidy and reducing fly-tipping.

Support Community Life

We fund and organise activities that bring the community together, including:

- A free annual Doxey Village Fun Day for local residents
- A free Christmas dinner for over-65s, providing a warm, social event for up to 40 guests

Provide Grants to Local Groups

We award grants to support local organisations that benefit the community, including:

- Youth organisations
- Local schools
- Churches and community groups

Improve Local Infrastructure

We have provided and paid for a bus shelter on Greensome Lane, improving safety and comfort for residents using public transport.

Be Your Local Voice

We actively lobby Stafford Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council and other bodies to ensure:

- Public footpaths are properly maintained

- Local roads are kept safe and in good condition
- Supported local business on relocation

Make Local Decisions Transparently

All decisions are made in public meetings, with agendas and minutes published so residents can see:

- What decisions are being taken
- How money is spent
- What issues are being discussed

What Services Does the Parish Council Provide?

Parish councils don't run services like schools, social care or bin collections, but we *do* provide and support services such as:

- Maintenance of parish-owned land and assets
- Community noticeboards and information
- Input into planning and development
- Community grants and local projects
- Acting as a first point of contact for local concerns
- Provided and maintain three defibrillators and bleed kits around the village

How Is the Parish Council Funded?

The parish council is funded through a small part of your Council Tax, called the *precept*. This money is used entirely for the benefit of Doxey and is agreed in a public meeting each year.

How Can You Get Involved?

You don't need to be a councillor to have your say. You can:

- Attend parish council meetings
- Contact the Parish Clerk or a councillor, contact details are on the website.
<https://www.doxeyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>
- Raise issues or ideas for improvement
- Stand for election when vacancies arise

Your involvement helps shape the future of Doxey.

Contact & Meetings

Details of meetings, agendas, minutes and contact information can be found on our noticeboards and online.

Doxey Parish Council - Working for the community, with the community.