

Your Community Needs You

Join Chalton Parish Council

Help Shape the Future of Chalton!

Chalton Parish Council plays a crucial role in representing our community on both local and wider issues. We are closely monitoring developments and will soon need to engage with **NESO** and the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) regarding energy connections that could affect our area, alongside ongoing communications with **National Grid**. Locally, we provide input on major projects including the **Luton Road 500MW Battery Energy Storage System**, the **Chapel Farm site**, the **Amazon Data Center on Linnere Island** highlighting concerns about the proposed design and the use of diesel-fueled generators, which we believe would negatively impact local residents and recent applications for **Vauxhall and Aviva Warehouses on Luton Road**. These projects can have long-term impacts on the village, from transport and traffic to environmental and biodiversity considerations.

Other important matters include:

- **Community Governance Review (CGR)** – Houghton Regis TC requested that the Chalton boundary be adjusted so that several hundred of the new Linnere houses (near LIDL and The Farmstead) would fall outside Chalton Parish. The current recommendation is **not to alter the boundary**, meaning these new residents remain part of Chalton Parish. This recommendation is still subject to further consultation, and it's important the parish is properly represented.
- **Footpaths** – including ongoing work on FP46 (Chalton to Toddington) and Anglian Water.
- **Highways and Traffic safety** – reviewing proposals for a **20 mph speed limit and double yellow lines on Luton Road**, plus new bus stops and the reintroduced bus service E in both directions to Dunstable and Houghton Regis.
- **Local Green Space** – CBC is inviting submissions for sites that could be potentially designated as Local Green Spaces (LGS) in the new Local Plan.
- **Upgrading Chalton Playground** - In April 2025, the old slide at the Luton Road playground was replaced, and an extra play item was added. These new play items were chosen by the children of Chalton Lower School through a vote.

Our current councillors are already stretched managing these important issues. With **two Parish Council vacancies**, the council urgently need **residents willing to step up and help shape the future of Chalton**. By joining, you can make a real difference — helping to manage the parish budget, liaise with the Lower School, Village Hall Committee, Community Police, and neighbouring councils such as Houghton Regis Town Council, Sundon PC, and Toddington PC, keep an eye on Central Bedfordshire Council's plans and policies that could affect our parish, support local footpath improvements, and work to make our roads, green spaces, and community facilities better for everyone.

If you care about Chalton and want to help guide its future, **please consider joining the Parish Council**. Every bit of help counts!

Please contact the clerk for more information or to express interest. Contact Chalton Parish Council Clerk, Sorcha, T: **07939 419 377** or by email at **clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk**

Your voice matters!