# Yattendon Parish Council

## Vacancy for a Councillor

The council still has one vacancy which we would love to fill! If you live in the parish of Yattendon (this includes Burnt Hill), or within 3 miles of its borders, and would be interested in joining, please contact our Clerk, Sarah, at YattendonParish@gmail.com.

## Playground Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our playground survey. Here is a summary of the results:

**Respondents:** 71% residents, 29% non-residents.
**Interest in Playground:** 92% in favour, 8% against.

**Key Comments:**

- Many respondents highlighted the need for a playground, noting the lack of facilities within the village and the necessity to travel to nearby areas for play.
- Suggestions included a BMX pump track and facilities that cater to children aged 1-12.
- Concerns were raised about potential anti-social behaviour, particularly from teenagers, and the adequacy of parking facilities.

**Travel Preferences:** walk 75%, bike 15%, drive 37%.
**Age Group Preferences:** 1-4 years 71%, 5-7 years 96%, 8-12 years 50%.
**Children in Household:** 75% of respondents have children or grandchildren who would use the playground.

**Preferred Sites:**

- Site 1 (near Church Lane entrance): 19%
- Site 2 (corner of Church Lane and Chapel Lane): 39%
- No preference: 42%

**Additional Feedback:**

- There are significant concerns about parking, especially during school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Some respondents support Site 2 due to its distance from residential properties, minimising noise impact.
- Suggestions included ensuring the playground would not become a gathering place for anti-social behaviour and that facilities be designed to accommodate a range of ages.

**Next Steps**

Based on the strong support for the playground from the community, the council will begin exploring ways to move forward with this project while addressing the key concerns raised in the survey.

1. **Parking Facilities**: One of the main concerns highlighted was the need for adequate parking. The council will consider installing a designated parking area if enough funding can be generated.

2. **Design Consultation**: The council will work on obtaining design ideas for the playground that cater to the diverse needs of children aged 1 to 12. Once initial designs

have been developed, we will consult the community again to gather feedback and ensure the playground meets expectations in terms of design, functionality, and aesthetics.

3. **Fundraising Efforts**: As the estimated cost of the playground, including parking facilities, is likely to be many times the amount the council receives annually from the precept, significant help with fundraising will be essential. We will work with community groups, local businesses, and grant providers to explore fundraising opportunities and secure the necessary funds to make this project a reality.

With continued community involvement and support, we are optimistic about creating a space that will benefit the youth in our community.