

West Horsley Community Governance Review Consultation Responses

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1. The amount of time spent on planning is much higher than any other project and they have minimal success.
2. The majority of these planning applications will be concluded very soon so these Parish Councillors can then give their time on other projects. Minimal time has been spent on other projects and the WHPC has very few useful ongoing projects, some of the more elderly WHPC do very little work and so to increase the number of WHPC is not needed, they will then want an increase in precept which is totally unnecessary and more money for them to waste.
3. They do not spend the current precept wisely and do very little to help the WH community. We are totally against WHPC being given any more resources be it people or finance.
4. Yes I think this makes sense
5. With the increase in households due to the approved planning applications it is vital to have the extra two Parish Councillors to share the workload and increase the diversity on the Parish Council.
6. The population of West Horsley is set to increase considerably. In the meantime the amount of work for councillors, particularly relating to planning is considerable. The extra two people to share the workload seems reasonable.
7. With an increase of 40% in housing, we desperately need more councillors to represent us.
8. Definitely. The current Councillors all work very hard and are already stretched. This is only going to be exacerbated with the high number of new houses currently being built in the village.
9. Increase in workload & greater efficiency
10. There has been considerable pressure on the Parish Council over the last three years faced with a heavy planning agenda as a result of the adoption of the GBC Local Plan and the increased volume of planning applications seen following the first lockdown from Covid. There is pressure to work on projects that will mitigate the effects of this scale of development, be that infrastructure requirements and increased support for a growing population. The parish council is also working hard to increase its visibility and accessibility to residents through a number of projects that require more resource. The Climate Change agenda is increasing and there is a need to update their Neighbourhood Plan to bring it up to date with the changing shape of our village. I therefore fully support an increase in numbers. It is very much needed for the PC to deliver its strategic objectives.

11. It's become necessary to do the innovative work that the Council want to achieve.
12. Very necessary with the current workload - especially planning.
13. There seems to be a high turnover of councillors so having 2 more will spread the load.
14. You have enough trouble recruiting 9 councillors, increasing the provision to 11 does not improve the supply.
15. Residents who are keen on particular issues e.g. planning/ preservation of the Green Belt are already free to volunteer to join the relevant working groups - if you insist on them being councillors as well they are less likely to take part."
16. With increase of population it's a necessity if we don't want burn out of existing councillors
17. I think that given the increase in population and therefore impact on local matters it would be more effective to have 11 councillors.
18. The new housing developments will produce more work for the parish council
19. This is something much needed for a while now. So very important with all the extra load put on our few councillors with the huge house building projects being imposed in our parish.