



SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Electoral Services Officer,
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Dear Sir/Madam

Good morning.

In their meeting on November 21st, Swaton Parish Council resolved to formerly request that the number of Parish Councillors be increased from 5 to 7.

In 2011 the Council requested a decrease from 7 to 5 due to insufficient people offering to apply for Council posts.

However, over the past few years there has been a significant influx of new parishioners, many of whom are motivated to support the community and have expressed an interest in standing as Councillors.

The Parish Council sees this as a positive move and to increase to numbers would reduce the burden of responsibilities on the existing Councillors.

On a few occasions the Council has only just been quorate as it only takes one Councillor to be away and another to have working commitments or to be ill. Three Councillors making decisions for the community is not felt to be adequate representation.

On one occasion a Councillor who was not otherwise attending, had to be called in so the meeting could progress.

Recent planning applications either approved or still in the consultation process will also increase the growth for the parish.

The Council feels it will be able to sustain 7 Councillors and that 7 people of diverse backgrounds and interests will produce a more vibrant and inclusive Parish Council to move forward.

Shelagh McIntyre, FSLCC, MCIPD,
Parish Clerk.