

**Guiding principles for Parish Councillors and others acting as link personnel or sitting on outside bodies.**

For the purposes of this guidance the term councillors refers to any parish councillor and any individual who presence at an external meeting is at the behest or approval of the parish council.

1. Councillors should always be mindful of the Nolan Principles.
2. That councillors should make the chair of any body that they are acting as an individual when in any meeting and not acting as a full representative of the parish council.
3. Councillors should report back on any matters which would be of interest to the wider council and the wider community. Discussions should be had with the chair and governance professional of the outside body as to whether any matters may not be reported.
4. Councillors may, if appropriate, give an idea of how the council may react to any suggestion or proposal given existing councils policies, procedures and plans. However, such advice should be tempered and given together with what governance arrangements are relevant.
5. Councillors should be helpful and active in these roles but be mindful that their actions may reflect on the Parish Council.
6. Councillors should not promise anything from the Parish Council or commit any Parish Council Resources.
7. Councillors may detail that they may or may not support any proposal that comes out of their work with an external body but should not give any suggestion as to what the outcome of any resolution which is brought before the council will be.

Present link positions as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

1. SMZ – Feli Freeman
2. Thomas Dole Charity – Wendy Rees
3. North Warwickshire Area Committee – Steve Stuart (reserve Keith Brown)
4. Spud Club – Nattasha Freeman
5. Heritage and Culture Group – Steve Stuart

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