

## Winkleigh Parish Council

### Youth Council July 2023

#### Purpose/Intent

Why should we consider it?

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk> › our-work › young-people

‘**Young** people are the future of our communities and, supporting their development and livelihood is paramount to the growth of local (parish and town) **councils**’.

Our Intent is to: -

- Seek to engage with young people in the community and provide an opportunity for young people to share in local government matters such as the Parish Council and to learn to become responsible citizens.
- Consider and initiate programmes and projects that are of benefit to the young people and the community.
- Recruit young people from the community aged 14 – 30year old in an initial consultation event to discuss the pros and cons of being part of a Youth Council. If there is sufficient interest, the next steps would be to work up the strategy, structure, terms of reference and meeting arrangements.
- Consider the group being a subgroup of the WPC.

#### Rationale

Being more representative of the wider community and consider the needs of the next generation.

Although we as member aspire to be Inclusive, we are aware that we are not, (as many councils are not), very Inclusive in our membership, we are not representative of people in the nine protected characteristics or the wider Intersectionality in society. We are all committed to equity diversity and Inclusion and by taking positive action we can build a longer-term potential pipeline of people, actively involved in community life.

By encouraging and engaging with, our young people as part of the longer-term succession planning for the WPC council membership. This may benefit from an Allyship partnership approach. Allyship in governance is where a member of a council or board acts as a mentor/coach to an individual. The mentoring and coaching with young people in a partnership (Allyship) approach, where both the new member and the existing member learns from each other. We can learn what it is like to be a new millennial or a GenZ. \* Person.

It can help to support young people to engage in the wider aspects of environment, culture, society, and governance matters. Their career aspirations and life skills can benefit from such activity.

It can help build relationship in the wider community in so many ways and it can give young people a real sense of purpose, being listened to and feel they can make a difference to the community.

## Youth Council

What are the functions of youth council?

- To be the central planning body that will allow youth to engage different groups within their community including the Parish Council.
- To avoid prescribing what the functions should be, the aim is to do a consultation event and ask young people themselves for their ideas.

**Read more about it on Supporting and Developing an Effective Youth Council - British Youth Council**

[www.bbyc.org.uk/resources](http://www.bbyc.org.uk/resources)

## Action Required by Members

1. At this stage, members are being asked to consider the merits of a consultation with local young people to explore the need for a Youth Council, its Intent, implementation, outcomes, and Impact.
2. A decision to adopt would be brought back to a future meeting.
3. Members to consider if they wish to be involved in the consultation even (if approved)

## Appendix One \*

<b>Generations</b>	<b>Born</b>	<b>Current Ages</b>
Gen Z	1997 – 2012	11 – 26
Millennials	1981 – 1996	27 – 42
Gen X	1965 – 1980	43 – 58
Boomers II (a/k/a Generation Jones) *	1955 – 1964	59 – 68