

Rottingdean Parish Council – what do we do and what does the City Council do ?

Context

Rottingdean Parish Council is a small parish which is situated in the City of Brighton & Hove. Brighton & Hove City Council was made a Unitary Council in 1996 when the Local Government Commission decided to combine Brighton Borough Council and Hove Borough Council. Upon combining these two Borough Councils, the functions of East Sussex County Council that were provided within the two boundaries provided by the two existing Borough Councils were transferred to the new Brighton & Hove City Council thus making it a Unitary Council. At the same time this happened the Local Government Commission created Rottingdean Parish Council which is the only parished area within the city.

So what does Brighton & Hove City Council do ?

Brighton & Hove City Council being a Unitary Council is responsible for the following services :

- Rubbish collection, recycling and disposal
- Council Tax collection
- Housing
- Planning including local and strategic planning, planning applications and conservation
- Transport including street lighting, highway maintenance and management (except trunk roads and motorways (i.e.A27), on and off street parking, transport
- Education including all primary and secondary state schools
- Social care
- Libraries & Museums
- Parks and Open Spaces*
- Trading Standards
- Environmental Health & Licensing i.e. Taxi Licensing, street trading, public entertainment and alcohol licensing
- Public safety (in co-operation with Sussex Police)
- Economic development
- Leisure & Culture
- Management of public toilets

The functions of a Parish Council can include the following:

Allotments*

Management of public clocks*

Management and maintenance of bus shelters*

Management of community centres*

Management of play areas and playground equipment*

Grants to local organisations

Consultation on planning applications in the Parish

Neighbourhood planning

Management of parks and open spaces*

However, within the City of Brighton & Hove the functions denoted by a * above are currently provided by Brighton & Hove City Council although in other Town/Parish Council areas elsewhere in East & West Sussex and across the country these functions have (where they are situated within the Parish) been transferred/devolved to the Town/Parish Council.

So what does Rottingdean Parish Council currently do?

The Parish Council currently provide the following functions/services:

Small grants to local organisations (for which we have a small budget of some £6000 in 2019)

Consultation on planning applications

The Parish Council is classified as a statutory consultee on all planning applications in the village of Rottingdean irrespective of the size of the application.

However, the Parish Council **does not** and **cannot** determine/approve planning applications – this is the responsibility of Brighton & Hove City Council.

Neighbourhood planning

The Parish Council are currently developing a Neighbourhood Plan that it is hoped will go out to consultation with residents living in the Parish during 2019. The decision on whether to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish will be carried out by referendum with all residents living in the Parish. One of the advantages of a Neighbourhood Plan is that it will allow the Parish Council to receive some 25% of any future CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) payments from potential developments in the Parish once the City Council have adopted the CIL charging schedule. Without a Neighbourhood Plan the Parish Council would only receive 15%. It would also allow the Parish Council to identify sites within the Parish that it is felt could be developed in the future although any potential sites that are identified for development will still need to progress through the usual planning processes.

We do not currently manage any of the *services/functions listed above that are currently provided by the City Council, however we are able through a 'partnership' agreement with the City Council to influence, discuss and contact the City Council on the provision and delivery of these services.