

Appendix 2 - Motion submitted by Earl Shilton Town Council

The meeting should resolve to request through NALC to the MHLG that members of Town and Parish Councils may:

1. Only be councillors of one 3rd tier local council at any one time and;
2. That, except for defined *larger councils* (precepts >£6.5m) all Town and Parish Councils should not be broken down into wards.

Reasoning:

1. An individual, however well-meaning and capable, in this day and age cannot really devote the time, interest and energy to 2 councils at the same level and may prevent another interested and perhaps more local person of being elected.
2. Even in Towns as opposed to Parishes; Wards are fairly meaningless and causes a waste of money and resources especially if a casual vacancy occurs. For example, in Earl Shilton there are 4 wards and a casual vacancy in one can, under current rules of eligibility, be filled by a resident in one of the other 3 wards so why define a possible by-election by a relatively small area and population? Democracy is not enhanced, and it is not cost effective and it may even put off possible good prospective candidates for election or co-option.