

Blakesley Parish Council

Blakesley is a village in South Northamptonshire, UK, close to the middle of England. The village has just under 500 residents and a long history, being associated with the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, and it is mentioned in the Domesday book (1087).

The village is a thriving community and is well-provided with facilities and public buildings, including a church, village hall, reading room, pub, shop/post office, playing field and primary school.

The village is built on and mainly of marlstone, the warm orange oolitic limestone with iron and sand inclusions that runs in a SW-NE belt through the Banbury region.

Local activity is still strongly agricultural although most residents are now distinguished in other walks of life and there are many small local businesses.

The Parish Council comprises 7 Councillors and is looking for an experienced Parish Clerk to work 10 hours per week - the precept for 2026/27 was set at £32,168. **Salary:** LC2 SCP 18–23 (£31,537–£34,434* pro rata / £16.35–£17.85* per hour)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons, although training will be offered and enthusiasm to learn will be seen as an alternative to formal qualifications. The successful applicant would be expected to have, or be prepared to obtain, CiLCA (the Certificate in Local Council Administration). He or she must be computer literate, with good communication skills. Friendly and positive outlooks are essential.

The deadline for applications is 19th September 2026.

Please apply by sending your CV and a covering letter to: **Cllr Alex Matthews** - alexmatthewsbpc@gmail.com