



Ansdell & Lytham

**PARISH  
CONSULTATION**

**Have Your Say!**



Parish councils are the first tier of government – they are at the heart of many communities, giving neighbourhoods a voice and can help people feel more involved in decisions which affect them. Ansdell and Lytham are the only areas in Fylde that don't have a parish council. We want to know what you think about some options for establishing parish councils in these areas. You can find more information about these options at: [www.fylde.gov.uk/parish-councils-review](http://www.fylde.gov.uk/parish-councils-review). Please spare 5 minutes to tell us what you think. Your views are really important to us as it will help to shape our decision-making about this. The survey is being run by an independent research company on our behalf and responses to the survey will remain anonymous. You can find out more about how data in this survey is processed in this Privacy Notice: [www.psresearch.co.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.psresearch.co.uk/privacy-notice)

**Q1. Are you responding to this survey as a...?**  
Please select all that apply

- Resident of Fylde
- Local business
- Community group or organisation
- Local councillor
- Other (please explain)

**Q1a. If you are representing a group, business or organisation, please tell us who you are representing. We will only use this to understand who our consultation has reached.**

**Q2. Would you say you feel more connected to Ansdell or Lytham?**

- Feel more connected to Ansdell
- Feel more connected to Lytham
- Feel connected to both equally
- No particular connection to either
- Not applicable - don't live in these areas

**Q3. Before we look at the options for parishing in Ansdell and Lytham, we would like to know what you think generally about decision-making and identity in local areas and the role that parish councils can play in these. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

Having a strong identity is important for local areas

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree              | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know        |

Having a formal local voice is important for local areas, e.g. on planning matters

- Strongly agree
- Tend to disagree
- Tend to agree
- Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Don't know

The ability to influence decisions at a local level is important

- Strongly agree
- Tend to disagree
- Tend to agree
- Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Don't know

The ability to manage facilities at a local level is important

- Strongly agree
- Tend to disagree
- Tend to agree
- Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Don't know

A parish council has an important role to play in local communities

- Strongly agree
- Tend to disagree
- Tend to agree
- Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Don't know

There are a number of options to consider for establishing parish councils in Ansdell and Lytham:

- Create two parish councils, one for 'Lytham' (covering the Lytham East and Lytham West wards) and one for 'Ansdell' (covering the Ansdell & Fairhaven and Park wards)
- Create one combined parish council across Lytham and Ansdell
- Leave the areas 'unparished'

Any parish council would bring a formal local voice and identity to the area it covers. It has the discretion to exercise a range of statutory powers of certain services or facilities which could benefit the area and/or the residents that live there. It can employ staff, own or manage premises, enter into contracts and provide services. Unlike other councils though, local parish councils do not have statutory responsibilities relating to social care, education, highways or waste collection as examples, and these services will continue to be provided by Fylde Council and Lancashire County Council.

Parish councillors would be selected through a local election to represent residents on the parish council(s) and the council would have discretion to get involved in a broad range of projects and activities to make the area a better place to live. By having one combined parish, there could be economies of scale, for example around staffing or premises. The main source of income for a parish council comes from a 'precept' which is added to the council tax bill of households in a parished area. Any charge is likely to be £40-50 per household annually for a Band D property in the first year, regardless of the parish size. After that, it would be down to the parish council(s) to decide how much this would be. For more information on these options, you can review our information page: [www.fylde.gov.uk/parish-councils-review](http://www.fylde.gov.uk/parish-councils-review)

Q4. We want to understand what local people think about these options. In principle, which option do you prefer?

- Create two parish councils, one for 'Lytham' and one for 'Ansdell'
- Create one combined parish council across Lytham and Ansdell
- Lytham and Ansdell areas should be 'parished', but I don't mind whether it is two parish councils or one combined parish
- No change - Lytham and Ansdell should remain unparished
- Don't know

Q5. Please tell us why you have chosen this option.

Q6. Please tell us if you have any concerns about the option you have chosen.

Q7. Are there any other options you think we should consider?

Q8. Parish councils can do a range of things for a local area, however, they are not responsible for fixing roads, managing planning or licensing applications, collecting waste or other statutory duties. Which of the following, if any, would you like any parish council(s) in Lytham and Ansdell to do? Please select all that apply

- Seek to take control of existing local facilities, e.g. community buildings, parks and playgrounds, allotments
- Seek to take control of existing local services, e.g. public toilets, litter bins
- Organise and sponsor public events

- Support arts and tourism activities
- Provide grants to local groups and voluntary organisations
- Fund other local schemes and services, e.g. community transport schemes
- Create a neighbourhood plan for the area, setting out a shared vision with residents for how the neighbourhood is developed
- Nothing / none of the above
- Other (please explain)

These final few 'about you' questions will help us understand more about who our consultation has reached and we can also use them to analyse the results of the survey. They will never be used to identify individuals.

Q9. What is your home postcode?

Q10. Which age group do you belong to?

- Under 18       25 to 44       65+
- 18 to 24       45 to 64       Prefer not to say

Q11. Which gender do you identify with?

- Male                       Identify in another way
- Female                     Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return it by Tuesday 23rd April 2024 using one of the ballot boxes provided in Ansdell Library, Lytham Library or The Town Hall (Lytham St Annes). You can also hand it to a member of staff.