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Stand for what you believe in

The next election for the Parish Councils is Thursday 2nd MAY 2019

Become a Parish Councillor

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Your Parish council will have a website where you will be able to get the names and contact details of the current clerk and councillors, and the dates of their meetings. Council meetings are open to the public and you can go along to a Parish council meeting, speak to one of the councillors and find out what they think of the job they do.

By becoming a Parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support as a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Getting Elected

To stand for election to a Parish council, you must:

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union
- be at least 18 years old

To be eligible to stand for election for a particular Parish you don't have to be connected to a political party but you must:

- be an elector of the Parish or in the past 12 months have occupied land or other premises in the Parish (as owner or tenant) or work in the Parish (as your principal or only place of work) or live within three miles of the Parish boundary



What do Parish councils do?

A Parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the Parish. It is the level of local government closest to the community, with the district authority and the county authority or a principal authority further up the hierarchy.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that Parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), and roads and highways.

Parish councils have a number of powers they can use and have the ability to negotiate with other decision making organisations such as the district, county or unitary councils. In this respect Parish councils are extremely powerful. These organisations know that a Parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something and its views should be taken seriously.



How much time does it take up?

This Parish council usually meets every other month for the council meeting to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two hours or so, depending on what's on the list of items to discuss.

How long do I serve for as a Parish Councillor?

Once elected, Parish councillors sit on the council for four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election. This does not mean that you have to stay for four years. If you find it's not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down.



For more information please contact the council at the address above.