

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

**ABOUT:** Do you care about where you live? Are you passionate about your community? If so, you could make a great local councillor. Join our team and make a local change.

**WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?** Local council is a universal term for community, village, neighbourhood, parish and town councils. They are the first tier of local government and are statutory bodies. They serve communities and are elected or co-opted by residents. Your local council has responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services;
- Improve quality of life for residents;
- Give communities a democratic voice.



**BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR:** As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making;
- Monitoring;
- Getting involved locally.

**GETTING CO-OPTED:** 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;
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

### MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact Vicky Mote (Clerk) or come along to one of our monthly meetings and see what we do.

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***All residents are welcome to attend our monthly parish council meetings, held on the first Monday of each month unless it is a Bank Holiday. Our website and noticeboards list all our full council meeting dates.***