

District and Parish Council Elections 2nd May 2019 – Becoming a Parish Councillor

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), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support.

Once elected Parish Councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they want to stay in post after that time they can stand for re-election.

To stand for election on 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 a least 18 years old.

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- be an elector of the parish, or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

If you become a Parish Councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

For further information contact the Clerk to the Parish Council or further information can also be found on North Kesteven District Council's website:-

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/electoral-registration-and-elections/forthcoming-election-and-referendum-dates/north-kesteven-district-council-elections-and-parish-and-town-council-elections-2-may-2019/>

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