



Personal Specification : Parish Councillor

You don't have to hold any qualifications to be a Parish Councillor all you need is:

- Knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community.
- Interest in local matters.
- Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships.
- Enthusiasm for the benefit of the local community.

As a new Councillor we will pay for a suite of training to help you settle into your new role.

You have to be:

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- on the "relevant date" (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over;

and additionally:

- on the "relevant day" a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- during that 12 month period resided in the council area.
- In the case of a sitting member of a parish or community council you can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the "relevant day".

You cannot stand for election/co-option if you:

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

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