



Filling a casual vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

Eligibility for office

To qualify for election as a Parish Councillor, and to hold this position, an applicant must be:

A British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union and on the relevant day (the day of nomination or election) have reached 18 years of age or over. They must also meet at least one of these four qualifications:

- on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the Parish
- during the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish
- during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish
- during the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have lived in the parish or within 4.8km (3 miles) of the parish boundary

Disqualification

An applicant may be disqualified from standing (or being co-opted), if they are a paid officer or employee of that parish, have had bankruptcy restriction orders made against them or they have a previous criminal conviction with a prison sentence of three months or more.

If you are in any doubt whether you would be able to stand for election or co-option, contact Electoral Services via 01483 505050 or visit the [Electoral Commission website](#) for more information.