

**SIX GOOD REASONS
to stand for the
7th MAY 2020 ELECTION
and represent your village**



**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
4PM - 9TH APRIL**

Are you thinking of standing to be a parish or town councillor in the elections on 7 May 2015? The deadline to submit your nomination papers is 4pm on **Thursday 9 April 2015**.

There are many reasons why standing as a Parish Councillor are worth thinking about:

- To give something back. Maybe you've lived in a community for many years and have enjoyed making the most of all it had to offer but were always a little bit too busy to give anything back. Understandable with the demands of kids, work... life! But now you are at a stage in your life where you have a little bit of spare time (and energy!) to give something back. Perhaps your demanding job has settled down a bit, perhaps the kids have recently left home.
- Standing for election to be a parish or town councillor will give you a chance to make a difference in your local community. It's your turn to put your hand up and to shoulder some of the responsibility for making the community a great place to live. Giving something back can be tremendously rewarding and fulfilling too. You'll find that the more you give the more fulfilled you will feel. In fact, you may wonder why you didn't find the time to be a councillor before!
- Being a parish councillor demonstrates that you are willing to take responsibility, that you are a thoughtful person, that you are willing to work towards making things better. These are admirable qualities for anyone in a job.
- Being a councillor is an opportunity to protect and enhance the built and natural environment where you live. Being a member of a Statutory Consultee on planning applications you have the chance to ensure that others will enjoy it as much as you for generations to come by having the opportunity to submit comments on planning applications and future development in the village
- Working as part of a team, as you will be when you become a councillor, can be very rewarding and fulfilling helping your council to develop a really strong positive culture
- Helping others, doing brilliant things for the community, working as part of a strong team - these are the ingredients that can make being a councillor one of the most rewarding things you will ever do.

The Council meets once a month, currently on the second Monday from 8pm, except August and December when there are no meeting, so ten times a year for a couple of hours and to do the job well you will need to prepare for meetings by reading meeting papers in advance and you may have actions to follow up on after meetings. This could take another half an hour per week on average. So let's say that the minimum requirement to be a good councillor is one to one and a half hours per week. Surely not too much to ask to make your village a better place to live.

Become a Parish Councillor