

FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Foxton Parish Council has a Parish Councillor Vacancy and is looking for an enthusiastic Foxton resident to fill the vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, and would like to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community, please contact Foxton's parish clerk for more information (contact details below). Applications deadline: 25 March 2021

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30/ 7.45pm, for approximately two hours and council meetings are open to the public. Since lockdown restrictions came into force last year, Parish Council meetings have been held online. A parish, town or community council is the closest level of local government to the community. The Parish Council is a local authority in its own right that represents and makes decisions on behalf of its parish and provides services for them. Councillors are elected, or in the case of a casual vacancy can be co-opted, and are unpaid for their time. Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding experience and is a way of giving something back to your community. A Parish Councillor's time commitment can average 4-6 hours per week and may sometimes be more or less than this. Time commitment varies throughout the year and can depend on role responsibilities. As well as monthly Parish Council meetings, the Planning Committee and working groups also hold meetings on average once per month.

Qualifications - any person can be elected as a councillor if they are

1. a British national, commonwealth citizen or a euro-national on the day they are nominated and
2. 18 years of age or over and
 - a) on the day they are nominated and thereafter they continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority or
 - b) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area or
 - c) their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area or
 - d) during the whole of those twelve months has resided in that area or
 - e) in the case of a member of a parish, town or community council has during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or community or within three miles of it

Disqualification

A person is however disqualified from being elected or being a councillor if they a) hold any paid employment or office in the authority that they seek election or b) are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or other interim order or c) have within five years before the day of election or since their election been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine or d) has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification

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