

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL – BECOME A COUNCILLOR

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



We need you to fill our casual vacancy – if you think you would like to take on the role and are over 18, please contact the Clerk on 01283 716059 or email clerk@bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk

Our Elections Officer has advertised the above vacancy for the required amount of time and has confirmed that no by-election will be called. A qualifying candidate may therefore be co-opted at a full Parish Council meeting.

Please apply in writing giving some background information about yourself and reasons why would you like to become a Councillor. *Applications will be reviewed on the next available full council meeting (first Thursday of each month).*

What do councillors do? Councillors have three main components to their work.

- 1. Decision making** - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
- 2. Monitoring** - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
- 3. Getting involved locally** - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their residents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the council wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include attending local meetings and lobbying on local issues on behalf of members of the public.

Visit our website to learn more about what the Parish Council does.

www.bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk

How much time does it take up?

Typically, council business can take about an hour a week, some councillors will spend more time, some less. Being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. Ideally, you should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook, a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

Qualification Criteria – s.79 Local Government Act 1972

To be nominated as a Candidate a person **must meet the criteria** listed below:

18 years or over on the day of your nomination

A British, Commonwealth, or Irish Citizen, or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union.

AND at least one of the following:

You must be registered as a voter in the Parish of Barton under Needwood

OR

For 12 months prior to co-option, are Owner or Tenant of any land or premises in the Parish

OR

Your principal or only place of work during those 12 months or more has been in the Parish,

OR

You have lived in the Parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) during the whole of the 12 months.

3b Disqualification Criteria s.80 Local Government Act 1972

You **cannot** seek election/co-option if:

- You work for the Parish Council or hold paid office under the Council
- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- Have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the past 5 years
- Have been disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

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