

WHAT IS A TOWN, PARISH, VILLAGE OR COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

It exists to serve the people of the Parish by:

- Providing services appropriate to their needs and expectations where it is legally empowered.
- Representing people without discrimination and involving them in decisions where necessary.
- Working in partnership with voluntary agencies, the private sector, other local authorities and public bodies.
- Contributing to the economic prosperity of the area.
- Keeping the parish a place where people want to live, work and enjoy themselves.

Interested but have Questions?

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ROCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

**The are vacancies on the
Parish council.**

**Please consider standing for
co-option or as a candidate
at the next election.**

CAN YOU STAND FOR ELECTION?

YOU MUST BE:

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

ALSO

- Be a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand on the 'relevant date';
- OR have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day;
- OR had your principal or only place of work in the council area during that same period.
- OR have resided in the council area during that 12 month period;
- You can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 4.8km (3 miles) of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the 'relevant date'.

TO BE A COUNCILLOR YOU NEED TO.

- Care about getting the best for your Community.
- Have a willingness to represent your electorate.
- Want to make a difference.
- Undertake training courses.
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Register your interests.
- Have the time.
- Be committed and enthusiastic.

Quite often Councillors say that their duties occupy them for about three hours per week.

Some Councillors spend more time than this and others less, it depends on their level of involvement.

TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Parish Councillors are an essential element of the 'Big Society', and have a long tradition of promoting a sense of pride in the local community.

This role should be further enhanced by the national government initiative to modernise local government, making it more accountable to the community it serves.