

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council elections take place every 4 years, the next being scheduled for May 2023. These elections are your opportunity to get involved in the work of the Council in helping to improve the local environment. The role of Parish Councillor is a voluntary one but equally a very important one.

If a vacancy arises on a Parish Council between scheduled elections then the Council will look to fill this vacancy either by holding an election between all eligible candidates who apply or, if there are less candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled, by co-opting the candidates who have applied onto the council without need of an election.

The rules governing whether you are eligible to stand for election are as follows:-

A person is qualified to be elected as a local councillor if they are a British citizen, qualified Commonwealth citizen, Irish or European Union citizen on the relevant day (that is, the day of nomination and day of the election) and you are 18 or over.

In addition, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:-

- 1) On the relevant day and thereafter you continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, or*
- 2) During the whole of the twelve months before that day you have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or*
- 3) During the whole of the twelve months before that day your principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or*
- 4) During the whole of the twelve months before that day you have resided in the parish or within 4.8km (3 miles) of it.*

Except for qualification 1), these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections.

Nominations Packs (scheduled elections)

These will be available from Neil Gulliver, the Stoke Parish Clerk - email clerk@stoke-pc-worcs.gov.uk or call 01527 757190, or they can be obtained directly from Bromsgrove District Council.

For vacancies arising between scheduled elections please contact the Stoke Parish Clerk via the phone number or e-mail address above