

BIRLING PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Birling Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one Councillor and are looking to co-opt someone to take on this role from September 2020. Are you interested in making a difference as you work with and serve your local community, being part of the democratic governance arrangements of the country?

This is an unpaid role, and to serve as a Parish Councillor you must be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election
- for the whole of the 12 months prior to nomination you must:
 - have been an elector of the parish and either occupied or owned/rented premises in the parish, or
 - resided within 3 miles of the boundary of the parish, or
 - had his/her principal or only place of work in that area

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- work for the council you want to become a councillor for

If you are interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, please email the Parish Clerk: Julie Pilbeam: birlingparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk with a CV and covering letter explaining why you think you are suited to the role of councillor.

Applications must be received by 10am on 25th August 2020. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 8th 2020 at 8pm and will be held via Zoom at which candidates shall be interviewed.

If you want to find out more about what the role involves you can download the Job Description and the NALC comprehensive guide to Becoming a Councillor which is on the Parish Website www.birlingparishcouncil.gov.uk This guide covers the following key areas:

- What are community, parish and town councils
- What do these councils do
- What do elected representatives do for me
- Where can you find parish councils
- What is a parish councillor
- What do parish councillors do
- Qualification guidelines to become a parish councillor
- How to become a parish councillor
- The election procedure
- Further information and case studies

Julie Miller

Clerk to the Parish Council

17th July 2020