

Ballidon and Bradbourne Parish Council

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Ballidon and Bradbourne Parish Council presently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council meet quarterly, usually on a Monday evening, at 6.30pm at Bradbourne Church Hall.

What is Involved in being a Parish Councillor

Becoming a councillor is a really rewarding experience as you can make a difference in your community to help improve residents' lives. A Councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community organisations, making decisions, and talking to the community about their needs and Parish Council activities.

A councillor's role has three main areas:

Decision-making — Parish Councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered, and what policies should be implemented by attending meetings and committees.

Monitoring — Councillors ensure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by monitoring how well things work.

Getting involved locally — As local representatives, Councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities often depend on what a given councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available. They are aware of local issues and liaise with local residents and organisations as and when required.

Requirements

- You must be a British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union; however, the criteria have changed now that the UK has left the European Union. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must be registered to vote, and live or work in Ballidon or Bradbourne and have done so for at least 12 months before an election or co-option as Councillors are elected to represent the local community.

Restrictions

- You must not work for the Parish Council you want to be a councillor for, although you can work for another local authority as long as you are not in a political restricted post.
- You must not be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- You must not have been sentenced to prison for three months or more (including suspended sentences) during the five years before election day/co-option.
- You must not have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court.

- You must not be subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, in respect of a sexual offence.

Contact

If this role sounds like something you may be interested in or you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk, via email or using the contact form on this website, we would love to hear from you.