

Vacancy to be filled by co-option.

At the recent Parish Council Elections only six candidates stood for the seven places on Parwich Parish Council.

Immediately after an election, vacancies arising this way can be filled by co-option for a brief period without further notice being provided. The next meeting at which this could take place will be held on the 17th of May.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and can fulfil the eligibility criteria below then please contact the clerk to Parwich Parish Council, Andrew Martin via email clerk@parwichparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephoning 01335 216238.

The eligibility criteria is as follows:

You must:

1. Be over 18 years of age
2. Be a British citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland.
3. Be on the parish electoral roll on the day of co-option and thereafter, or
4. Have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day of co-option, or
5. Have had your principal or only place of work in the area during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day of co-option, or
6. Have resided in the parish, or within 3 miles of it, for the whole of the 12 months prior to co-option
7. Have not held any paid office or employment under this authority
8. Have not been a person adjudged bankrupt
9. Have not been a person who, within five years before the day of co-option, has been convicted of any offence and has had passed on him/her a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than 3 months (whether suspended or not) without option of a fine

For information

There are usually 10 Parish Council meetings each year, held on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of August and December. Councillors have to abide by a code of conduct and complete and sign certain documentation which becomes a public record.

It is expected that all councillors attempt to attend all meetings wherever possible. The meetings usually start at 7.30 pm and generally last two to three hours. Members of the public can attend the meetings to contribute, raise issues and listen to proceedings.

More information about being a councillor can be found on the Parish Council website including:

[The Good Councillors' Guide.](#)

[Minutes of Parwich Parish Council](#)

[Policies of Parwich Parish Council](#)

Training for Councillors can be provided through the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

Andrew Martin
Parish Clerk
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