SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

The General Election and District Council elections may have been and gone, but the Parish Council still has vacancies for up to EIGHT councillors!

Have you ever wondered whether you could be a Parish Councillor?

Here are some popular FAQs:

Q: *Do I have to have lived in the village all my life?*
A: No. You must live within 3 miles (4.8Km) of the Parish boundary, as the crow flies, and to have lived there for at least 12 months.

Q: *Do I have to be a home owner?*
A: No. You can be a tenant, so long as you have lived there for at least 12 months.

Q: *Are there any other ways I can qualify?*
A: Yes. You could own a business or be a tenant of business premises or be employed at a business in the Parish, providing you have been there for at least 12 months

Q: *What other qualifications are required?*
A: You have to be over the age of 18, a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen, and on the Electoral Register. You must not be bankrupt or a recent ex-convict.

Q: *Do I have to stand in an election?*
A: No. You can be co-opted, which means that you fill in a form, just like applying for a job, and the Council will consider your application in private.

Q: *How often are the meetings?*
A: Regular meetings are once per month, plus occasionally there are additional meetings, such as for Planning Applications and consultations.

Q: *Do I have to attend every meeting?*
A: No. You can send apologies for absence for any good reason, such as work commitments or holidays. You must attend at least one meeting in six months.

Q: *What sort of things do you discuss?*
A: General village administration and maintenance, Planning Applications, and any other issues the village wishes to bring to our attention, the list is endless!!

IF YOU THINK YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BY BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR, PLEASE COME TO A MEETING OR CONTACT THE <u>PARISH CLERK</u>, FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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