



Parish Council Elections 2018

The next Parish Council election is to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

Could you be a Parish Councillor for our community?

Are you:

- Interested in local issues and improving the lives of the people living around you?
- Keen to represent other villagers' interests and ensure that Hambleton receives the services to which it is entitled?
- Willing to stand for a four-year term?
- Able to commit to attending one meeting per month (on the first Monday of each month; 7.30pm in the Village Hall), and the occasional additional meeting such as the Annual Parish Assembly?

Are you eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor?

Are you:

- At least 18 years old?
- A British citizen, an eligible* Common Wealth Citizen, or a citizen of any member state of the EU?
- Registered to vote, live, work, or own property in Hambleton?*
- Not disqualified? (Please contact the Parish Clerk for full details.)

What is the role of a Parish Councillor?

A Parish Councillor should:

- Be able to attend meetings when summoned and prepare for these meetings by studying the agenda and accompanying documents.
- Be willing to take part in discussions which result in sound decisions being made about what is best for the Village.
- Ensure that the Parish Council is properly managed.
- Represent the whole electorate.



- Abide by the Model Code of Conduct relating to personal and prejudicial interests.
- Be willing to partake as a volunteer.

Our outgoing Councillor who served for 6 years says:

“Becoming a member of the Parish Council is a great way to become involved with our community and feel that you are making a contribution whilst being part of a team. It is definitely something I would recommend doing.”

What to do if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor:

- Contact the Parish Clerk, Joanna Tester, **before 28 March 2018** on 02392 632106 or email clerkhambledon@gmail.com

Important: Groups made up of diverse individuals tend to make better informed decisions, and this is certainly true of a parish council!



Hambledon photograph courtesy of Chris Dixon

*Does not need leave, or has indefinite leave, to enter or remain in the UK.

** Registered as (and will remain to be) a local council elector of; an owner or tenant of land or property within; working within the parish of; or living within 3 miles of Hambledon for, the whole of the 12 months preceding the day of your nomination and the day of election.