



## **HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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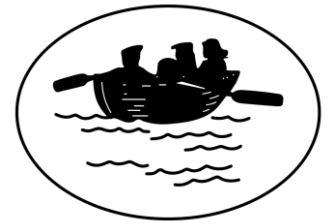
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## **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES  
AND BE INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT  
HULLBRIDGE?

### **Could I be a Parish Councillor?**

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. Parish Councillors are the most local part of our demographic system and are closest to the public. Parish Councils have a large range of powers and activities. We are involved in planning consultations, environmental and highways issues, facilities provided by the Parish Council (e.g. Kendal Park Nature Reserve, Rose Garden, Allotments, children's play area etc.), and other local issues.

### **How much time does it take up?**

Hullbridge Parish Council meets every month (excluding August) for a full council meeting and Councillors are also required to sit on at least one of the committees (Finance/Policy/Appointments, General Purposes, Parks/Open Spaces/Conservation/Footpaths, Personnel, Allotments, Village Resilience, Events, Planning and Emergency Committee) which meet at various frequencies. Councillors require some time to read Agendas and other paperwork and may also attend training courses. Being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live.

### **Am I qualified?**

Most people are. However, there are a few rules. You have to be:

- a British Citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election and a parish elector
- Resided for 12 months in the locality or within three miles of it or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or had principal or only place of work there.



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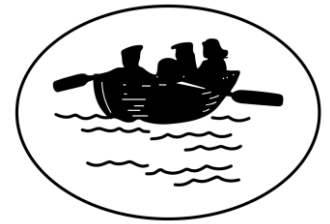
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You cannot stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election or co-option, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over 3 months without the option of a fine
- under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.
- You may also not be eligible if you work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

**What do Parish Councillors do?**

Councillors have three main areas of work:

1. **Decision-making** - through attending meetings and committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. **Monitoring** - councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. **Getting involved locally** - as local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. This often depends on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

**Are you interested or require any other information?**

Please contact the Clerk to the Council – Anne-Marie Bates.

**Vacancy :**

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