

HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

INFORMATION ON BEING A COUNCILLOR

The Council is a local authority and must conduct its business within Acts laid down by Parliament.

Eligibility for Office: applicant must be over 18 years of age and a parish elector, also a Commonwealth citizen (including a British subject) or Euronational. In addition he/she must have resided for 12 months in the locality or three miles of it or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or had his/her principal or only place of work there. An applicant may not be eligible if subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order, which dates from the judgment or execution and generally ends one year after the relevant order is made. The applicant may not be eligible if he/she has within five years before election or co-option been convicted in the UK, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to not less than three months' imprisonment (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine. An applicant may also not be eligible under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Meetings: Full Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday evening of each month except August when there is a recess. There are several committees and working groups to which membership is voluntary. These Committees meet on a monthly, by-monthly or on an ad hoc basis.

Members: all Members must sign up to the Model Code of Conduct and complete the Register of Members' Interests. These are not onerous but are there to protect the individual and also the integrity of the Council.