

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY VACANCY

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Notice is hereby given that following the scheduled election process, there remains a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to represent the **SANDIACRE NORTH WARD** on the Parish Council

The Parish Council is seeking to fill this vacancy by co-option at the ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on **TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2023**

No special qualification is required to be a Councillor.

It is important that people from all walks of life serve the local community so that all parts of the community are represented. Training for new councillors is available to help you understand the role and responsibilities.

If you think you'd like to join the Parish Council or would like to know more, please get in touch with the Clerk, Mrs Michelle Bloor, who is happy to talk with you about the role and what's involved.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please visit the Council's website for further information: www.sandiacreparishcouncil.org

If more people express interest in becoming a Parish Councillor than the number of vacancies available, candidates will be asked to give a short statement at the June meeting about why they are interested in the role.

The Parish Council will then make their decision by a majority vote.

What do Parish Councillors do?

Sandiacre Parish Council is made up of 14 volunteer Councillors who meet once a month in the evening to discuss and act on issues that are important to the local community.

The Parish Council sets a proportion of local taxes to be spent within the parish, they can comment on planning applications within the area and run projects that help maintain, improve or enhance the local area.

Becoming a Councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make a change in your community to help improve the lives of local people.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, Parish Councillors sit on the Council for a maximum of four years. If they then wish to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend regular monthly evening meetings (except August during the Summer Recess) and any additional meetings, as may be arranged, and to represent the electors of Sandiacre in raising and discussing those issues of interest and concern on which the Parish Council is empowered to act.

Eligibility

You have to be:

- A British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union
- Over 18 years of age

and:-

- A local government elector for the Council area for which you want to stand
- Have during the whole of the 12 months occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period
- Have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the Council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.

You cannot stand for election if you:-

- Are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- You work for the Council you want to become a Councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

You don't have to be connected to a political party.

If you do become a Parish Councillor you are required to sign up to the *Members' Code of Conduct*.

What powers do Parish Councils have?

They have a wide range of powers which essentially related to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open space, allotments, play areas, street lighting, bus shelters, car parks and much more.

The Council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the Precept.

The Precept is the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the Borough Council, which collects the tax for the Parish Council.

Applications must be received no later than

Friday, 2nd June 2023 at 12noon

Please let the Clerk know if you wish to stand as a local Parish Councillor for Sandiacre.

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