

# **OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Notice of Casual Vacancy by Co-option**

The Returning Officer of Winchester City Council has confirmed that a by-election to fill the vacancy created on **18 March** has not been called and the Parish Council may now fill this vacancy by co-option.

To qualify, a person must be a British/Commonwealth/EU citizen, aged 18 years and an elector; must reside in, or within 3 miles of, the Otterbourne Parish boundary or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there; and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you are interested in serving as a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk. Councillors will consider submissions at their next meeting.

### **WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES**

The Parish Council is responsible for spending £40,000 of your Council Tax each year.

It influences and makes decisions about many aspects of village life including:  
Play Areas, Recreation Grounds, Open Spaces and the Common,  
Footpaths and Pavements, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters, Conservation,  
Strategic Planning and Local Applications, Aircraft Noise  
and many other matters.

### **WORKING AS A COUNILLOR**

There are seven Council Meetings per year, each lasting for 2 - 2½ hours which are always on the third Tuesday evening of the month.

In addition, there is either a Committee Meeting or Working Party in those months when there is no full Council meeting.

Councillors all want to take part in their village, to make improvements and ensure it remains a safe and pleasant place in which to live.

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