

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

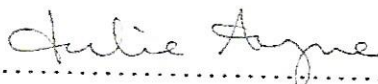
NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with
Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act, 1972
that a casual vacancy exists in the office of Councillor for
Otterbourne Parish Council.

An election will be held to fill the vacancy if ten electors for the Parish write to
the Returning Officer of Winchester City Council
whose details are set out hereunder by noon
on 14 June 2018.
Returning Officer, Winchester City Council, City Offices,
Colebrook Street, Winchester SO23 9LJ

If no request is submitted within the stated time, the Parish Council will
co-opt a replacement Councillor directly onto the Council.

DATED 23.5.18


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Clerk

Otterbourne Parish Council

has a vacancy for **two**

PARISH COUNCILLORS

WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES

The Parish Council is responsible for spending £38,000 of your Council Tax each year. It influences and makes decisions about many aspects of village life including:

Play Parks, Recreation Grounds, Bus Shelters, Open Spaces,
Street Lighting, Footpaths and Pavements, Conservation,
Planning 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.

There is no qualification requirement, other than the applicant has lived in or close to Otterbourne for at least one year.

Please contact the Parish Clerk or Chairman for further details.

Clerk - Mrs Julie Ayre – 01962-775481 or email
clerk.otterbourne@parish.hants.gov.uk

Chairman – Cllr Will Jones – 01962 713718

Why become a Parish Councillor?

Parish Councillors are elected representatives who volunteer their time freely to work on behalf of local residents. Individuals may also be co-opted at the discretion of the council if there is a vacancy. By becoming a parish councillor you can become a voice for your community, somebody who residents will look to for help, guidance and support. You will be involved in local decision making and strategic planning for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What are the roles and responsibilities involved?

- As an Otterbourne Parish Councillor you will be one of nine members, supported by the Parish Clerk, who are elected to represent the voice of residents within the village. This will involve engaging with local residents to ensure that their views are heard, understood and addressed.
- As part of the Parish Council you will have responsibility for managing local services and amenities such as the play areas, open spaces, bus shelters, common and footpaths.
- As part of the Parish Council you will help to make decisions regarding the finances involved in delivering local services.
- You will be involved in working to protect and improve the built and natural environment. This may involve contributing to long term strategic planning consultations and development or being part of the committee that assesses and comments on local planning applications.
- Working where needed on short term local projects.
- Liaising and working in partnership with other organisations, agencies or neighbouring parish councils where necessary.

What skills will I need to be a Parish Councillor?

A Council Committee benefits from diversity and we welcome interest from people of different ages, backgrounds, experiences and abilities. Good communication skills, problem solving, analytical thinking and being a team player are all advantageous attributes.

How much time does being a councillor take?

As with anything, what you get out of being a Parish Councillor will depend on what you are able to put in. How much time you are able to commit is largely down to the individual and what level of involvement you are hoping for. As a minimum, you would be expected to attend the seven Parish Council meetings each year which are held in the evenings. In addition you will need to be free to attend the meetings of any working groups that you join such as Planning, Highways, Finance or Recreation and Amenities.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

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

Please contact the Parish Clerk or Chairman for further details.