



PARISH COUNCIL OF EYNSFORD

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Causal Vacancy – January 2022

Thank you for your interest in the above vacancy for a parish councillor.

We are looking for someone who is interested in contributing to the village and community and has a few spare hours per month. You would be representing the community in making things better for Eynsford.

There are 8 councillors on the council and they are supported by two part-time Clerks.

Councillors make decisions about how the council's precept is spent, this is paid for by Eynsford residents' Council Tax. The council is able to feed into policy and legislation at local, county and government level through various consultations. The council is consulted on all planning applications in the parish. There is also more local business including dealing with village amenities, maintaining recreation areas, and responding to issues as they occur.

The council has five committees: Planning, Highways & Transportation, Community, Open Spaces and Facilities & Environment. There are also sub-committees including: Tree Work, The Green Team, Finance and Street Lighting.

This is what is required of you:

- Attending two meetings per month – these are usually held on the first Monday and third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm
- Reading and responding to relevant emails
- Attending a public 'surgery' from 9am-11am, when possible, on the last Saturday of the month
- Occasionally attending other meetings
- Occasionally representing the council at other events.

You need to:

- Be resident or work in Eynsford (or within 3 miles) for at least 12 months and be over 18*
- Be without a recent criminal conviction*
- Be on the register of electors*

- Be interested in what happens in the village and be keen to make a difference!
(*full details of relevant legislation available on request)

The Council has various statutory duties including setting a precept and budget, holding an annual meeting, and suchlike. It works within a legal framework which governs what it can and cannot do.

Eynsford Parish Council owns allotments, three recreation areas and three buildings which it looks after. The council works closely with village groups and with other local councils to make improvements and to influence developments.

Currently the parish council is working closely with the village hall trustees over the new village hall project, its working on a Highways Improvement Plan to submit to Kent Highways and has set up a Greener Eynsford working group to look at how the council can play its part in reducing carbon emissions. The council is also part of the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership and the Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership.

The council is also open to new ideas for improvements and projects that will benefit the village and its residents.

If co-opted you will be asked to complete a Register of Interests and sign the Code of Conduct as you will be holding a public office. You may be asked to attend training courses from time to time.

The position is voluntary, but reasonable expenses will be paid for attending meetings/events out of the local area.

What happens next:

Please write a brief statement about yourself and what skills or knowledge you can offer. It would also be useful to hear about any particular areas of interest that you have that are relevant to the role. Please send this to the Clerk by 14th March 2022.

Any qualifying candidates will be put forward for co-option and one will be elected by members of the council to serve until the end of the current term, which is 2023. You may then stand for re-election, and you may also resign your position at any time.

You may be asked to meet with councillors prior to the co-option vote.

If you have any further questions, please contact Holly Ivaldi, Clerk 01322 865320 info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk or speak to another member of the council.

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