PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cornforth Parish Council has five (5) Parish Councillor Vacancies and is looking for enthusiastic Cornforth residents to fill the vacancy.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor and would like to be effective by influencing decisions that affect your community, please contact Cornforth parish clerk for more information (contact details below).

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.00p.m. for approximately two hours and council meetings are open to the public.

A parish, town or community council is the closest level of local government to the community. The Parish Council is a local authority that represents and makes decisions on behalf of its parish and provides services for them. Councillors are elected, or in the case of a casual vacancy can be co-opted and are unpaid for their time.

Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding experience and is a way of giving something back to your community. A Parish Councillor’s time commitment can average 4-6 hours per month and may sometimes be more or less than this. Time commitment varies throughout the year and can depend on role responsibilities.

As well as monthly Parish Council meetings the Council holds sub committees and working group meetings on an as and when required basis.

**Qualifications - Any person can be elected as a councillor if they are.**

1. A British national, commonwealth citizen or a euro-national on the day they are nominated and

2. 18 years of age or over and

a) on the day they are nominated and thereafter they continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority or

b) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area or

c) their principal or only place of work during that twelve month has been in that area or

d) during the whole of those twelve months has resided in that area or

e) in the case of a member of a parish, town or community council has during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or community or within three miles of it

**Disqualification - A person, is however, disqualified from being elected or being a**

**councillor if they**

a) hold any paid employment or office in the authority that they seek election or

b) are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or other interim order or

c) have within five years before the day of election or since their election been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine or

d) has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification

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