

Evenley Parish Council Vacancy February 2018



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Evenley Parish Council has a vacancy due to the resignation of Councillor Nic Hamblin last month.

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor and help shape your local community? If you are enthusiastic about your community and have ideas about how it could be developed, why not apply to be co-opted?

Evenley Parish Council has seven Councillors – the six remaining are Mike Baul, Spencer Burnham, Cathy Ellis (Chair), Jean Morgan, Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (Vice-Chair) and Charles Reader.

So, if you would like to be part of a team working together for the best interests of our community, please get in touch with our Clerk, Cathy Knott (clerk@evenleypc.org.uk).

"But I don't have time to be a Councillor; I'm too busy."

The Parish Council should be a team of seven people from across the community – young and old, retired and working, parents and grandparents and single people. If you have lots of time - that will be useful, if you are busy at work all day the council could benefit from your work and business experience. If you are bringing up children you will know what young people in our community want to see. The Parish Council needs members with a range of experience and knowledge.

"Parish Councils don't do anything – so why should I bother to stand for election?"

Evenley Parish Council is responsible for our allotments, bus shelters, street lights, upkeep of The Green, the Village Hall building, our War Memorial, the Pocket Park, the Parish Plan, commenting on all local planning applications, and much more. These are all a big part of what makes our community so special – so councillors DO have an important role, and you could play YOUR part.

"I was a councillor where I lived before, years ago. It was dreadful – long meetings about nothing. Wouldn't do it again."

If you have been a Parish Councillor before you will have valuable experience. Yes, meetings can be a couple of hours long, but there are often important things to discuss. If you think it could be better run – SAY SO, and have a go yourself rather than sitting at the sidelines! Be part of the change you talk about.

"Aren't Parish Councillors just a bunch of retired busybodies?"

Not at all – the existing Parish Councillors are passionate about contributing to the life of our community. We need to have a range of people to reflect the whole of our local community. Join in, give your input, and make your views known!

"You must be joking, I'm not political."

The Parish Council is not a party political organisation – all Councillors represent the whole community.

REMEMBER – Evenley Parish Council needs a wide range of experience and skills.

CRITERIA FOR STANDING AS AN EVENLEY PARISH COUNCILLOR

This is a summary of the eligibility criteria –

- ✓ Over 18
- ✓ On Electoral Register (i.e. registered to vote)
- ✓ British citizen, or a Commonwealth Citizen, or a citizen of an EU country
- ✓ Lived and/or worked in the Parish for at least 12 months