

Eligibility for a Parish Councillor (Elected or Co Opted)

If you wish to stand as a councillor you must satisfy these requirements:

You need to be over 18 years of age

A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union

On the Electoral Register for the council area for which you wish to stand,

A local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; or has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof; or has during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area

You cannot stand for election if you:

Are bankrupt and an Order or Interim Restriction Order has been imposed.

Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine

Work for the council where you are intending to stand for election (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

Have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority