



Bulmer Parish Council



The Electoral Services Department of Braintree District Council has confirmed that the required 10 requests from parishioners for an election to be held to fill a Parish Councillor vacancy have not been received, and therefore the Parish Council has permission to co-opt a Councillor to fill the vacancy. The successful candidate will be a Councillor in their own right and is no different from any other member; co-option is a legitimate form of election as part of the election process.

Applications Invited: Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council would be delighted to hear from any residents interested in serving as a Parish Councillor for Bulmer. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 07845 056597 or at bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com for more information including a short application form and person specification.

The Council meets in January, March, May, July, September and November on the 3rd Monday in the month, at 7.15pm in Bulmer Village Hall. Councillors are all volunteers although essential expenses can be claimed. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact the Clerk at bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com or speak to any Parish Councillor.

An applicant's name must appear on the current electoral register **and/or** the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish **and/or** the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor (see Appendix A or contact the Clerk)

The closing date for written submissions of interest is

Monday 9th May 2022

so that Parish Councillors can consider applications at the meeting to be held on

Monday 16th May 2022

At Bulmer Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm

All applicants for co-option will be invited to attend the full council meeting on Monday 16th May 2022 and are welcome to make a short, maximum 5 minutes address to the Parish Council giving their reasons for wishing to serve as a Parish Councillor.

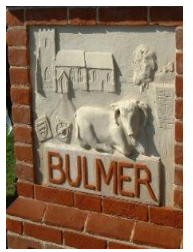
Please send applications to:

Claire Waters, Parish Clerk
25 Bayley Street, Castle Hedingham, Essex CO9 3DG
bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com
07845 056597

29th March 2022



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Appendix A Qualifications to be a Councillor

A person is qualified to be elected or co-opted to be a Councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the day of election or co-option they are age 18 or over.

In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, **and/or**
2. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, **and/or**
3. during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, **and/or**
4. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within three miles (4.8km) of it.

Except for qualification 1, these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections which will be in May 2023.

Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including the Clerk) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.