

Your Village needs you!



To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- ★ be a UK or Commonwealth citizen
- ★ be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- ★ be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union*
- ★ be at least 18 years old

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- ★ be an elector of the parish
- ★ for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish
- ★ during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work)
- ★ for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

** possible amendment due now we have left the EU*



The Seven Principles of Public Life:

- ✓ Selflessness
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Objectivity
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Openness
- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Leadership



Do you have these qualities? We would love to hear from you!

Your route to becoming a Parish Councillor

Are you passionate about where you live? Do you want to help shape the future of East Ilsley? Read on to find out more...

East Ilsley Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government, supporting the democratic process by holding Elections every 4 years. The role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community they serve and improving both the quality of life and the local environment.

We are a corporate body, and a legal entity, separate from that of its Members, and are accountable to the local community. Our decisions are the responsibility of the whole body and are made collectively by a majority vote.

We have powers granted by Parliament, including the authority to raise money through taxation, known as the precept, and a range of powers to spend public money. We are an employer with our Parish Clerk working for, and with, the Council to action the decisions made.

Councillors are elected representatives, not volunteers or employees, and serve for a 4-year term, unless co-opted or elected in a by-election when they serve until the next election. They can be nominated by electors or approach us directly.

A Parish Councillor represents the views of all residents within the Parish and listens to, and understands, the views and needs of the differing groups within the community. As a Councillor, there is a responsibility to be well-informed, especially in relation to any diverse local views. Councillors cannot assume they represent the interests of electors without consulting them.

If you think you can contribute to the work of the Council by suggesting ideas, influencing policy, engaging in constructive debate, and responding to the needs and views of the community then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk by emailing clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

Electors - use your voice to vote for Councillors that will best represent your needs!

