

You Could be a Parish Councillor!

18th March 2021

Parish Council Elections: Will You Stand?

On 6th May 2021 the local elections will take place in England. Parish council elections take place every four years where members of the community are elected to represent their locality.

There are fifteen councillors on Bayston Hill Parish Council. If more than fifteen candidates are nominated and go forward for election, there will be a vote at the polling station. If fifteen or fewer stand, then they will be automatically elected.

Would you like to make a difference in Bayston Hill, improve the quality of life and well-being of the community, and give residents a voice?

Do you feel that you are represented by the parish council? If not, then why not stand and make your views heard?

The work of the parish council includes:

- Commenting on planning and tree work applications in Bayston Hill
- Commenting on local and national planning policy
- Commenting on local and county highways initiatives
- Looking after Bayston Hill's streetlights
- Looking after Bayston Hill's recreation areas
- Working with Shropshire Highways on highways issues
- Working with Shropshire Council on parking, amenity services and more
- Working with the police to tackle local crime
- Supporting the community, local groups and charities
- Providing information and advice to residents

Bayston Hill Parish Council usually schedules its meetings on a Monday evening, with up to three a month – dependant on which committees you join. Councillors are expected to attend where possible.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, then contact the parish office or speak to one of our parish councillors to find out what is involved.

If you wish to stand you must be 18 years old or above, a local government elector, live or work in the parish or live within three miles of the parish. You must complete and submit your nomination forms to Shropshire Council by the closing date.

The role is voluntary, but you may claim reasonable expense. All councillors are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct and to complete a Register of Interests.

Important Dates:

Publication of the Notice of Election by Monday 15th March

(by Shropshire Council)

Delivery of nomination papers by 4pm, Thursday 8th April

(by Candidates to Shropshire Council)

Publication of Statement of persons nominated by 4pm, Friday 9th April

(by Shropshire Council)

If there are any alterations, these will be published subsequently.

Polling Day 6th May

For any further help or advice contact the Clerk on clerk@baystonhillparishcouncil.org.uk or 01743 865320 / 07458 095619 the Electoral team at Shropshire Council.

We hope you will consider joining the parish council, we are friendly and keen to make our village a better place for everyone!

For more general information about the elections follow this link: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections>