



Public Notice

Notification of casual vacancy

Tollerton Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a councillor to serve until the next parish election.

Parish councils are the first tier of governance and ordinarily parish councillors are elected to represent the interests of the local community as a whole, contribute to activities to improve the parish as set out in the parish plan and ensure the good governance and running of the parish.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

When no election has been requested the parish council may co-opt a volunteer to the vacancy for a parish councillor. To stand for co-option (or election) to the parish council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be a least 18 years old.

To be eligible you must also:

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

You don't have to be connected to a political party. People of any political or religious persuasion are eligible to become a councillor. If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

The Council usually meets once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last around two hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors may be asked to attend other meetings representing the council, for example attending working groups, acting as a representative on a community group or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every day and might typically occur once every other month. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor in Tollerton please contact the Chairman of the Parish Council.