

Interested in being an Uppingham Councillor? Then please read the following

The elections will take place on Thursday 7th May 2015 and we would like to encourage persons interested in becoming a Councillor to put their name forward. The following criteria is required:

be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination

be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union:

And meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.

You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.

You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Disqualifications

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified from standing. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish or community council in England and Wales. You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on the day of the election:

- I. You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees).
- II. You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- III. You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.

The job of the council is to represent the interests of the whole community. Understanding the needs of different groups, therefore it is important to have councillors from all walks of life.

Why be a councillor?

For many people, it is the satisfaction of acting on behalf of their local community that encourages them to become Councillors, so please do consider putting your name forward for election in May. To get an insight as to how councils work you are welcome to attend any council meeting. Full Council sits on the first Wednesday of the month, committees if required sit the third Wednesday in the month. Agendas are posted on the councils website and on the notice board in the foyer of the Town Hall.

TOWN CLERK

Uppingham Town Council are pleased to announce that Neil Wedge has been appointed as the new clerk. Neil will work with the present clerk, Susan Awcock from January until her retirement at the end of March 2015: and then officially take over the position.

Neil has lived in Uppingham for 16 years and is married to Jeanette who works at Leighfield Academy. He has two children who went to Leighfield and then Uppingham Community College. Neil has worked around the UK for what was Halifax Building Society and more recently Lloyds Banking Group. He has undertaken a variety of roles including property, technology, franchising manager and national operations manager. Most recently he has worked in London managing and co-ordinating change programmes. Neil is a keen golfer and photographer in his spare time.