



## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Become a Parish Councillor**

Parish Council elections are taking place on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**. Kilsby Parish Council is looking for Councillors and asks residents to consider standing for election for one of the seats on our Council. If you meet the eligibility criteria the Parish Council encourages you to stand for election to make a difference to your community.

### **Why Be a Parish Councillor?**

Becoming a Parish Councillor offers a unique opportunity to influence decisions that affect your local area, ensuring that the community's needs and desires are represented. Councillors play a vital role in shaping the future of the parish, from planning community events and managing local resources to developing strategies for improvement and sustainability. It's a chance to collaborate with fellow residents, address local issues, and contribute to the overall wellbeing and development of the community. By standing for election, you not only have the opportunity to voice your opinions but also to bring about real, positive change for Kilsby.

### **Parish Councillor Training and Support**

To ensure that all new Councillors are well-prepared for their roles, Kilsby Parish Council provides comprehensive training and ongoing support. You will be given information before taking office, explaining the Council's responsibilities, procedures, and legal requirements.

We believe that well-informed and confident Councillors are essential for a thriving community, and we are committed to providing the necessary resources and guidance to support your journey as a Parish Councillor. Join us in shaping the future of Kilsby and making a lasting impact on our community.

### **What We Look For in a Parish Councillor**

Kilsby Parish Council seeks individuals who are dedicated, passionate, and committed to the wellbeing of the community. Ideal candidates are those who:

- Have a genuine interest in local issues and the improvement of the parish.
- Possess good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Are willing to listen to and represent the views of residents.
- Can work collaboratively with other Councillors and community members.
- Are proactive in identifying and addressing the needs of the community.

- Demonstrate integrity, accountability, and a sense of public duty.

If you are enthusiastic about making a difference and have a strong desire to contribute to the growth and development of Kilsby, we encourage you to stand for election. Your involvement can help shape the future of our community.

### **Commitment to the role**

The commitment of a Parish Councillor is a crucial element in driving the success and vitality of Kilsby. By standing for election and dedicating your time and efforts, you take on a significant role in advocating for the community's needs, fostering a spirit of collaboration, and ensuring that the voices of all residents are heard and respected. Your commitment involves attending regular council meetings, engaging with residents, and participating in various committees and projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Kilsby.

It is a role that demands a balance of passion and pragmatism, where you will be expected to make informed decisions that reflect the collective interests of the parish. Through your dedication, you will help to create an environment where residents can thrive and feel connected to their local governance. We appreciate the time and energy that each Councillor contributes and believe that it is this commitment that forms the bedrock of a resilient and responsive community.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor in the UK, you must meet the following criteria:

- 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 member state of the European Union.
- Be registered to vote in the parish, or have lived, worked, or owned property in the parish or within three miles of it for at least 12 months prior to the day of your nomination.

Certain disqualifications apply, such as being employed by the parish council or having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more within the last five years.

For more information on the upcoming election and how to apply, please contact Kilsby Parish Council.

### **Resources and further information**

Nomination papers [Nomination pack PARISH.docx](#)

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