

## **BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Your time will be well spent and there are no real barriers to becoming a Councillor. The Council meet usually on the second Monday of the month (excluding January and August) for approximately two hours depending on what needs to be discussed and council meetings are open to the public.

A parish, town or community council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is the Parish Council that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its parish and has a district/County that sits above it. Councillors are elected but are unpaid for their time. Becoming a Parish Councillor can be a rewarding experience and often described by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

**Qualifications** – any person can be elected as a Councillor if they are

1. a British national **and**
2. 18 years of age or over **and**
3. a) On the day they are nominated and thereafter they continue to be a Councillor for the Parish of Beeford **or**
3. b) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area **or**
3. c) their principal or only workplace during that twelve months has been in the area **or**
3. d) during the whole of the twelve months has resided in the community or within three miles of it.

#### **Disqualification**

A person is however disqualified from being a Councillor if they

- a) hold any paid employment or office in the authority that they seek election or
- b) are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order
- c) have within five years been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months.

**If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council Clerk 01262 481221**  
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