

Walkeringham Parish Council

NOTICE CASUAL VACANCY

Walkeringham Parish Council currently has a Parish Councillor vacancy. A request has not been received from Electors to hold an Election to fill the vacancies and so it is now for the Parish Council to co-opt people to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable.

The Parish Council is looking for a community minded person, interested in local government and who is willing to offer their time for a few hours per week. If this is something you might be interested in, please apply to Angela Hayward, Clerk to the Parish Council (contact details below). We ask that you send a brief letter about yourself to include a little about your background, skills, community volunteering work, interests etc., and why you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

Closing date for applicants: 30th October 2022

Please be aware that there are certain qualifications/disqualifications as follows:

The candidate must be at least 18 years old, either a Commonwealth Citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union and that they meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- a. Have, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which they wish to stand from the day of the nomination onwards.
- b. They have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of the nomination and the day of election.
- c. Their main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of the nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.
- d. They have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of the nomination and the day of election.

There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish council. A person cannot be a candidate if at the time of the nomination and on polling day:

- a. They are employed by the parish council or hold a paid office under the parish council (including joint boards or committees)
- b. They are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- c. They 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 and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed. A person who is in the process of making an appeal or application in relation to the conviction is not disqualified at any time before the end of the day on which the appeal or application is disposed of, abandoned or fails by reason of non-prosecution.

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- d. They have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices). The disqualification for an illegal practice begins from the date the person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for three years. The disqualification for a corrupt practice begins from the date a person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for five years, unless at any time within that period a court determines that the conviction should not be upheld, in which case the disqualification ends at that time.
- e. They are subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed⁸. A disqualification set under s.81A of the Local Government Act 1972 will only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements or relevant order made on or after 28 June 2022. A person who is in the process of making an appeal or application in relation to the disqualification is not disqualified at any time before the end of the day on which the appeal or application is disposed of, abandoned or fails by reason of non-prosecution.

If you would like more information about the role, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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