



Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Information Leaflet

Being a Parish Councillor

Being a parish councillor can be a very rewarding and interesting experience and helps you to give something back to the community you live in.

It enables you to work alongside likeminded people, discuss projects, share ideas, and have an input into decisions concerning the parish and the continuing development of the community. You really can make a difference to your community by becoming a parish councillor.

The opportunity to stand is open to almost anyone over the age of twenty one, who is an elector and either resides in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary. There are some other criteria that would allow a person to stand for election, such as owning land in the parish. There are, of course, some that would disqualify a person from serving, such as bankruptcy or conviction of corrupt or illegal practices.

Elections for parish council are held every four years and you can stand for election by obtaining a nomination paper from Telford & Wrekin Council, Civic Offices, Telford.

It is also possible to be co-opted onto the Council. If a vacancy occurs between elections a person can apply to fill that vacancy.

Notices of casual vacancies are posted on parish notice boards and advertised on the council website. Electors have 14 working days from the date of the notice to claim an election. If no election is claimed, the parish council may fill the vacancy by co-option.

As a Member of the Parish Council you would be required to attend monthly meetings of the full council and, if possible, at least one standing committee. You would also need to be willing to be part of a team, peruse documents and reports and occasionally represent the Council at meetings concerning the parish community.

Further information on becoming a parish councillor can be obtained from: Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council, The Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford. TF2 7AH. Telephone 01952 616363. Email parishcouncil@btconnect.com