

MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Bourton on the Water Parish Council is calling on residents who live in the village and who have a real interest in their community to consider standing in the local elections in May 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and aim to give residents a voice on the decisions the Parish Council makes on their behalf on issues such as traffic, parking, recreation facilities, the Village Green, the Cemetery, and planning. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local health and interest groups and businesses to find out their needs and aspirations

Recently, the Council worked hard to preserve the old cottage hospital and created the George Moore Community Centre which is now operating to near capacity, serving many local needs with facilities such as a library, Police Point and Parish Office. They also make decisions to spend some of the precept on maintaining the Green, repairing Riverside Walk, and now planning a new traffic and parking plan. All these and other projects are aimed at improving the amenities of our village.

How long does it take?

Councillors do spend considerable time discussing these topics in a range of committee meetings, and the full Council meeting once a month can be a 2 hour session. On average the weekly commitment can be up to three hours a week when also attending meetings with outside bodies like District Council, local and Health related groups.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in Bourton on the Water Ward

How can I get involved?

Contact: The Clerk of Bourton on the Water Parish Council (currently Sue Cretney) at the George Moore Community Centre (tel: 01451 820712) to find out more. An Application Pack will be available either from the Council Office from the end of February, or by contacting Cotswold District Council ("CDC") direct on 01285 623000. The deadline for submission of nominations papers to CDC is 3rd April.