



Oundle Town Council

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Oundle Town Council currently has a vacancy for a Town Councillor. Do you:

- Want To Do Something Positive for Your Community?
- Want To Spend Your Time Productively?
- Want To Be A Voice For Your Local Community?

If so, then now is the time to apply.

The Role

Town councillors are elected by the public at an ordinary election, normally held on the first Thursday in May every four years. The next ordinary election will be in 2015; however we currently have a vacancy for a Councillor which has been brought about by a resignation. This position will be filled by a co-option process on the 16th December 2014 at the Full Council meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about being an Oundle Town Councillor before the elections in May 2015.

Being a Town Councillor is an unpaid position.

Effort Required

TIME - It is possible to spend a lot of time on council work - but most people have jobs, families and hobbies that also demand a lot of time. However, as with most things, the more you put in, the more you (and your community) will get out.

Generally speaking, the larger your community the larger your workload will be. Oundle Town Council is a very active council with meetings normally being held in the evenings. The meeting days are normally on a Tuesday and are held in The Courthouse, Mill Road.

The number of meetings you will need to attend will be dependant upon how many Committees and Working Parties you are involved in. The Full Council meeting which you are expected to attend will be held on a monthly basis. It is important that you speak to other Councillors in order that you are aware of the commitment to make sure you can accommodate the work alongside your domestic and/or business arrangements

COST - Being a councillor should cost you little. There is usually cover for subsistence and travel expenses if your duties take you out of Oundle.

Eligibility and Requirements

1. A qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community,
2. 18 years of age or over, and
3. either in the list of electors for Oundle or have during the whole of the preceding twelve months
 - a. occupied land as an owner or tenant in Oundle, or
 - b. had a principal place of work here, or
 - c. resided in or within three miles of the town.

Initially, you may have little knowledge of Council work but this will come, along with experience and confidence.

As a new Councillor you will bring to the Council fresh enthusiasm and new ideas, a care for your community and a willingness to learn.

Application process

Interested candidates should apply by writing to Debra Harper, Town Clerk and provide a brief statement confirming why you would like to be on the Council, the areas of interest you have and the benefits you would bring. This should be sent by **8th December 2014**. (An A5 flyer, such as you would deliver to electors, would fit the brief).

You will then be invited to attend the Council meeting on **16th December 2014** and after a few formalities, the agenda will move to the item of filling the Casual Vacancy. At this time you will be asked to provide a brief overview of your application, lasting no more than 5 minutes, on 'Who I am and what I would bring to Oundle Town Council'.

Following the presentations made by each interested person, the Council members will then vote and the elected person will be invited to join the Council.

Want more information?

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Council, please visit our website www.oundle.gov.uk, contact the office on 01832 272055 or speak with any Town Councillor (details on the website).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.