



Vacancy for Silverstone Parish Councillor

- Do you want to help make the parish of Silverstone a better place to live?
- Do you have the time or expertise to help shape the future of Silverstone?
 - Are you interested in making a difference to your community?
 - Do you want to represent the views of local residents?

By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone in the community that local residents can look to for help, guidance and support. In essence you become a community leader with the power to influence and contribute ideas for the benefit of people you serve.

If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local community, why not put yourself forward and apply to become a Silverstone Parish Councillor

If you are wishing to be considered for the role of Parish Councillor then please contact the clerk for more information and/or an application form - Ross Sands, clerk@silvertone-village.co.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 25 October 2024

Becoming a Parish Councillor – Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What does the Parish Council do?</p>	<p>Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues which affect the local community. Some of the common topics which the parish council are involved in are planning matters, crime prevention, roads and highways, Silverstone circuit and local facilities such as play areas and pocket parks.</p> <p>Parish councils have limited powers to make decisions, but they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence those other organisations that make the final decisions (such as county councils, health authorities, police etc). In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful as the organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council give the best reflection of how a community feels about something and its views are taken seriously.</p>
<p>What does a Parish Councillor do and how much time does it take up?</p>	<p>Parish councillors have a dual role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and, through it, to the district, county or unitary authority • The report back to residents on issues affecting the parish <p>The Parish Council usually meets once per month for the full council meeting to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on what’s on the agenda. Silverstone Parish Council also have sub-committees which meet to discuss specific subjects such as planning, leisure and finance. We also have other roles within the council which help support the community. For more information on the council, committees and roles then please visit our website. In addition to regular meetings Councillors are required to give time for ‘ad hoc’ meetings (e.g. meeting contractors or community groups) and to work on projects or working groups.</p> <p>The workload varies, but an average weekly estimate of 4-6 hours would be reasonable. In return is the immense satisfaction of putting something back into your community.</p>
<p>How long do Parish Councillor serve for?</p>	<p>Once elected (or co-opted), parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.</p> <p>This does not mean that you have to stay for four years. If you find its not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down</p>
<p>What support and training are available to councillors?</p>	<p>Councillors have substantial support in performing their duties. Firstly, there is the support from fellow councillors and the Parish Clerk who can offer a wide range of advice and guidance. Secondly, we provide access to extensive councillor training through NCALC</p>

	(Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils), such as the Councillor Development Framework
Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?	<p>To be eligible to a Parish Councillor then you must meet the following criteria:</p> <p>I am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 18 and a British Citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union <p>AND meet at least one of the following four qualifications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registered as a local government elector for the parish 2. The owner or tenant of any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the last 12 months 3. Working and my main or only place of work during the past 12 months has been in the parish 4. Residing in the parish or within three miles of it and have been during the whole of the last 12 months <p>I am not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed by the Council (now or in the past 12 months) • Subject to bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order • In receipt of a sentence to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without option of a fine during the past five years • Disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 from holding public office