



District and Parish Council Elections 3rd May 2018

On the 3rd May 2018 District and Parish Council elections will be held this is a time when you can stand as a Parish Councillor of Spratton to make a difference to your community.

How do I stand for election?

Candidates for election must meet certain criteria and ensure they are not disqualified from being a Councillor.

On the day of the election:

- Are you a British subject or citizen of the European Union or Ireland?
- Are you aged 18?
- Are you a local government elector for the area of the authority?
- Have you during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area; or
- Has your principal or only place of work during that twelve months been in the area; or
- Have you resided in the area or within three miles of the parish during the whole of those twelve months?

If you answer yes to the above, you maybe eligible to stand for election.

Before standing for election you should ensure that you are not disqualified from being a Councillor for any reason. Full details of qualifications and disqualifications for standing as a Parish Councillor can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk alternatively contact the Parish Clerk on the details below.

I am qualified to be elected as a Councillor what next?

Electors can identify and nominate potential candidates for election and all electors are encouraged to do so.

- A candidate must be nominated on a nomination paper that can be obtained from Daventry District Council.
- Each nomination paper must be signed by a proposer and seconder who must be electors for the locality.
- A candidate must consent to the nomination in writing, this must be witnessed and confirm that the candidate is qualified and why.

What happens after I have been nominated?

- If there are enough vacancies for the number of candidates the returning office will declare you elected.
- If there are more candidates than vacancies a poll will be held.

I don't have time to devote to becoming a Councillor but I want to be involved

Even if you cannot devote the time to serving as a Councillor you can still become involved and get your views heard. The first and most important step is to ensure you **VOTE** to elect your Councillors and contact your Council with any views, suggestions or areas of concern. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Emma Gibson 07715651904 clerk@sprattonpc.org.uk

