

TO BE A COUNCILLOR YOU NEED TO :

- care about getting the best for your community.
- have a willingness to represent your electorate.
- want to make a difference .
- undertake training courses.
- adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- register your interests.
- have the time.
- be committed and enthusiastic.

**Balsham
Parish Council
Needs You!!!**

WHAT IS A PARISH COUNCIL?

It exists to serve the people of the Parish by:

- Providing services appropriate to their needs and expectations where it is legally empowered.
- Serving people without discrimination and involving them in decisions where necessary.
- Working in partnership with voluntary agencies, the private sector, other local authorities and public bodies.
- Contributing to the economic prosperity of the area.
- Keeping the parish a place where people want to live, work and enjoy themselves.

Did you know
there are Parish
Council Elections
in Balsham on
3rd May, 2018?

**Become a Parish
Councillor**

Stand for Election

**Make a difference in your
Community**

Further details and nomination papers can be obtained from:
Election Officer at SCDC or
Tracy Coston (Details below)

Returning Officer
SCDC
South Cambridgeshire Hall,
Cambourne Business Park,
Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA
☎ 01954713287
Email: elections@scambs.gov.uk

or

Tracy Coston
Balsham Parish Clerk
33 Rivey Way
Linton
Cambridge, CB21 4LH
☎ 01223 894462/07929930385
Email: Tracy@Coston.me.uk

Important Dates:

Notice of Election:
26th March, 2018

Nomination Papers due in to SCDC:
4 pm Thursday 6th April, 2018.

CAN YOU STAND FOR ELECTION?

You must be

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- on the “relevant date” (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over
- on the “relevant day” a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- during that 12 month period resided in the council area.

You can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 4.8 kilometers(3 miles) of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the “relevant day”.

You cannot stand for election if you

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

WHAT DO COUNCILLORS DO?

☞ *Local Involvement*

Getting the best for your Community

☞ *Monitoring*

Ensuring best value for money is obtained

☞ *Decision Making*

Deciding how local money is spent to improve the Community