

Parish Councillor Vacancies – East Bergholt Parish Council

Although there are insufficient candidates for an election, a quorum has been achieved (3 councillors or one third of the total seats, whichever is the greater).

Legislation outlines the process that the Parish Council shall co-opt qualified people to fill the remaining seats. This may be done at the first meeting of the Parish Council but **MUST** be done within 35 working days of the 7 May 2019. If the vacancies have not been filled within that seven-week period, then we may have to hold a further election to fill those vacancies remaining and the full cost of such election would then have to be paid by the Parish Council.

Cooption Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

East Bergholt Parish Council has five vacancies for those eligible to become a Parish Councillor.

To be eligible candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

- [a] Be aged 18 years or over and included in the Electoral Register;
- [b] A British subject or a Euro-national;
- [c] Resides in the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundary or;
- [d] Occupies land or property within the Parish or;
- [e] Has his/her principal place of work within the Parish.

People who wish to be coopted are advised to familiarise themselves with the disqualification restrictions under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to Bankruptcy Restrictions Orders and Criminal Convictions carrying a sentence of more than 3 months imprisonment, without the option of a fine.

Please send a one-sided A4 letter to the undersigned, saying why you wish to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, no later than 13 May 2019, or attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Council on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.30pm at the Lambe School.

Susan Clements
Clerk to East Bergholt Parish Council