MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Councillor Description

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

Role: Parish Councillor
Responsible to: All people resident within the parish
Regular liaison with: Other councillors, local authorities, residents
Period of service: Four years with possible extension.
Salary: This is a voluntary position with some expenses able to be reclaimed in certain cases.

MAIN PURPOSE

- Representing the views of all residents within your parish.

SECONDARY PURPOSE

- As part of Maulden Parish Council you will have responsibility for running local services which may include: open spaces, play areas, village halls, community car schemes and potentially much more.
- Deciding on how much to raise through the parish precept part of the council tax in order to deliver the parish council's services.
- Influencing and shaping the long-term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish.
- Improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

Please note, to be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election or be co-opted as a parish councillor you must:

- *Be at least 18 years old*
- *Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights*
- *Meet at least one of the following four qualifications:*
  - *You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.*
  - *You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election,*
  - *Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.*
  - *You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.*

Meaning of an eligible commonwealth citizen *– an eligible Commonwealth citizen is one who either:*

- *does not need leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or*

has indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom

Meaning of qualifying EU citizens *– A qualifying EU citizen is a citizen of a country:*

- *That has a bilateral Voting & Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty with the UK (Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Spain),*
- *Is resident in the UK,*
- *With any form of leave to remain, or does not require such leave.*

Meaning of EU citizens with retained rights *– an EU citizen has retained rights if:*

- *They are a citizen of a country which does not have a bilateral Voting and Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty with the UK (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden.*
- *They must also have been legally resident in the UK since before the UK left the EU on 31/12/2020 (the Implementation Period Completion Date – IPCD)*

For more information of qualifications, please visit: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/what-you-need-know-you-stand-a-candidate/qualifications-and-disqualifications-standing-election/qualifications