



### **Stoke St Gregory Parish Council**

Stoke St Gregory Parish Council is the elected grass roots level of local democracy for our unique and wonderful village. Your Parish Council consists of 9 volunteer councillors and a paid Clerk that are all passionate about the place we live.

#### **So what do the Parish Council do?**

The PC monitor issues in the Parish, liaise with district and county councils and maintain our local infrastructure by;  
Holding monthly public meetings (every second Monday of the month) with extra public committee and community meetings as required  
Responding to planning applications and consultations that affect our community  
Consult with the community on topics that matter – infrastructure investment, climate change, housing needs, floods  
Provide and maintain open spaces – allotments, burial ground, playing fields, village hall, grassed areas within the village  
Support local groups and offer grants for activities  
Campaign for and assist to deliver services and infrastructure within the village – highways, footpaths, implementing better broadband  
Develop strategies and plans to help the community flourish  
Help the community with problems and developing ideas  
Assist with organising events for the community  
Work with local PCSO's for the safety of the community  
Represent the Parish in larger Local Community Networks to provide a voice for our community  
We facilitate all groups and individuals within our community to come together, work together and live together to improve the quality of life for everyone.

#### **Becoming a Parish Councillor**

As a Parish Councillor you can provide a voice to represent the community and make a real change. The main responsibilities of a member of the Parish Council are;

- Decision making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

To stand for a local council you must;

Be a UK or commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union

Be at least 18 years old

Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the Parish Council serves (as a tenant or owner); or work in the area the Parish Council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within 3 miles of the Parish Council boundary

#### **Who chooses the Parish Councillors**

The elections for our Parish will be on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Electors will receive a polling card detailing the date, location and nominated people for election to the Parish Council.

In the event of there being no candidates for the contested seats, filling the vacancies may happen by advertising a Casual Vacancy and implementing the co-option process.

#### **How do you apply?**

To apply to be a candidate in the election contact the Clerk for a nomination paper. You will require 2 people who live within the Parish that you are standing for to nominate you and second you. You may also nominate someone else if you feel there is someone who would be a good candidate.

#### **Want to know more?**

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