

CASUAL VACANCY ON LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor on Luppitt Parish Council. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in parish affairs to help shape and support the local community.

Luppitt Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month and the meetings last for approximately 2 hours. A variety of issues will be discussed at these meetings including responding to planning applications and working to improve the quality of life in the parish. Luppitt Parish Council is particularly proactive in all aspects of parish maintenance with special emphasis on the many lanes throughout the parish.

A Parish Councillor serves for a four-year period. However, as we are part way through an elected term, this casual vacancy will last until May 2019 when full elections will be held.

To stand for election on a Parish Council, you must be:

- at least 18 years old;
- a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union;

In addition:

- for the whole of the 12 months before nomination, you must have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
- work in the parish as your principal or only place of work; or
- live within three miles of the parish boundary.

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are bankrupt and an Order or Interim Restriction Order has been imposed;
- have been convicted in the United Kingdom, within 5 years before the day of the election, of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over 3 months without the option of a fine;
- have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority.

Please telephone the clerk, Rosalind Buxton, on 01404 861565 if you have any questions. Alternatively, any of our Parish Councillors will be happy to speak to you and let you know first-hand what is involved.

If you wish to apply to be co-opted to the vacancy, please write a brief summary about yourself to include:

- length of residence in the parish
- membership and involvement with any community associations within the parish or elsewhere
- particular interests and concerns relating to the parish
- any professional or work-related experience which could be utilised for the benefit of the parish
- confirm your eligibility to stand in line with the rules above

and send it to Rosalind Buxton at Courtmoor Farm, Upottery, Honiton, Devon, EX14 9QA, or email her at luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk by 26 February 2018.