

THREAPWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

All Parish Councils will be up for election in May 2019 as such Threapwood Parish Council will have 7 seats to fill.

BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR, THE LEGAL STUFF

Who can be a Parish Councillor?

To be a parish councillor you must be...

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 1. 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.
 2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.

Who can't be a Parish Councillor?

There are also a number of factors which can also disqualify people from standing as Parish Councils, these are quite complex and if you are unsure if you are disqualified it is worth seeking advice before submitting our nomination form, in brief reasons include:

1. You are employed by the parish council or hold a paid office under the parish council (including joint boards or committees).
2. You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
3. You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.
4. You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations).

For more information on whether you can stand to be a Parish Councillor see '**Guidance for Candidates**'