

Make a difference in your community — become a councillor!



The local Parish Council Elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019

To become a councillor you need to stand for, and win, an election. You do not need any specific qualifications to become a councillor but you need to fulfil certain criteria to be eligible.

**Do you feel strongly
about your community?**

**Do you want to influence
decisions affecting your area?**

To stand for election, on the day of nomination, you must be 18 or over and a UK, EU or Commonwealth citizen [this may change for the 2019 elections as a result of the UK leaving the EU].

You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ♦ Be registered, and continue to be, as a local government elector for the Parish from the day of your nomination onwards, or
- ♦ Have occupied (as owner or tenant) any land or other premises in the Parish during the whole 12 months before the day of election, or
- ♦ Your main or only place of work during the last 12 months, prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election, has been in the Parish, or
- ♦ You have lived in or within 3 miles of the parish during the whole 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

You can't stand if you:

- ♦ Work for Cotgrave Town Council or hold a political restricted post for another authority
- ♦ Have been sentenced to a prison sentence (including suspended sentence of 3 months or more within 5 years prior to polling day
- ♦ Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions or interim order
- ♦ Have been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices or offence relating to donations

You don't have to belong to a political party or group to stand for election. Cotgrave Town Council has councillors connected to a political party and those that stand as independents (candidates who do not belong to any political party).

If you are interested in standing for election, more information on becoming a councillor is available on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website : www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections/standforelection or contact Cotgrave Town Council

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