

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

CASUAL VACANCY

"If you are interested in helping to improve the quality of life in your community and want to be involved in important decisions affecting your Parish, why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor?"

Upleadon Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A Casual vacancy was declared and advertised following the loss of an existing Council member. Following 10 electors of the Parish having failed to call an Election for a new Councillor, the Parish Council is now looking to co-opt.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Parish Council Clerk for an application form which will require confirmation by applicants on eligibility to stand as a Parish Councillor. Application forms to be returned by **25 February 2026**.

To be eligible to become a Parish Councillor, candidates must fulfil and confirm the criteria below:-

A person is qualified to be elected or co-opted to be a Councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the day of election or co-option they are age 18 or over. In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, and/or
2. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, and/or
3. during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, and/or
4. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within three miles (4.8km) of it.

Except for qualification 1, these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections which will be May 2027. Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers, those who are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order, and those subject to recent sentences (or suspended sentences) of imprisonment.

Candidates are requested to attend the Council meeting on **Thursday 12 March 2026** at Upleadon Village Hall and will be asked to address the Council for not more than 5 minutes supporting their application to join the Parish Council, following which the Council will make a resolution and vote with regard to co-opting the successful candidate.

For further details about the vacancy and/or information regarding the work of the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk: Mrs D Morley 07964941786 or email clerk@upleadonpc.org.uk