



## Town Councillor vacancies

Two Casual Vacancies exist on Lostwithiel Town Council which are to be filled by co-option. If you are interested in serving as a Town Councillor until the next local council elections in May 2025, please submit a written expression of interest to the Town Clerk at the address below by noon on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Your expression of interest should include a short personal statement giving reasons why you are interested in joining the Town Council together with a summary of your background and skills that you can offer the Council.

Candidates will be requested to attend the Council Meeting on Tuesday 06 February 2024 at 7pm at Lostwithiel Library and will be asked to give a short presentation explaining why they wish to become a Councillor. If more applications are received than vacancies the Town Council will decide which of the applications is to fill the vacancy.

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### **Qualification Categories**

The Town Council may co-opt as a member any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve, is 18 years old or over, a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and meets at least one of the following qualification categories (LGA 1972 s79): -

- (a) is registered as a local government elector for the parish;
- (b) has during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish;
- (c) their principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months has been in the parish;
- (d) had during the whole of the preceding twelve months resided in the parish or within 4.8 km thereof.

### **Disqualification Categories**

There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish or community Council in England & Wales. (LGA1972 s80): -

- a) Holds any paid office or employment of the Local Council
- b) Is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order (or an interim restriction order, or a debt relief restriction order or interim debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine or
- d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983.