

Information for anyone interested in becoming a Councillor on Budock Parish Council

What will I do as a Parish Councillor?

- Raise local community issues with the Council for discussion and action
- Attend Council meetings and speak on behalf of the community
- Make an informed contribution to the decisions made at council meetings
- Help identify a local vision for your area
- Work to improve the quality of life and the environment in your community
- Set high standards for those delivering services to your community
- Represent the Council and the Community

What help will I get?

Our Council has its own Clerk, someone who is there to help you as you learn about the role of being a good Councillor. Training, seminars and courses for Councillors are organised throughout the year across the county; you will also have access to the many on-line learning and interactive websites for local councillors.

Parish and Town Councils are supported by the National Association of Local Councils through the County Association of Local Councils. The Association is there to offer legal advice, training and general support to all of its member councils.

What will be expected of me?

- A normal term of office is four years; the next one ends in May 2021.
- You must attend all meetings of the council or give acceptable reasons for absence. If you fail to attend for six calendar months you will automatically lose your seat.
- You will be required to sign up to the Council's Code of Conduct which requires you to treat others with respect and maintain the principles of public life.
- Contact information about you will be available on the Council's website.
- Your register of financial and certain other interests in Council business must be transparent and will also be on Cornwall Council's website.
- You will be expected to make decisions on behalf of the whole of your community, attending meetings with an open mind. Decisions are normally taken by a show of hands and you are expected to play an active role in the decision-making.

Some of the things Budock Parish Council does

Footpaths, verges and countryside access

In partnership with Cornwall Council we use local contractors to ensure that the public rights of way and footpaths around the parish are maintained for everyone to enjoy.

Planning, Enforcement and Neighbourhood Plans

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee and every month will consider planning applications in our area. Our role is to comment using planning considerations to ensure that the local voice is heard. We are currently just starting the process to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish and this will set out local planning criteria for our community.

Village Halls

We support the local Village Halls of both Budock and Treverva, acting as custodian trustees and sometimes providing financial support to ensure that the community has a place to meet and local groups can prosper.

Still interested? – then please note the following criteria

In order to be a parish councillor you must satisfy the following requirements:-

You need to be:

- Over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- On the Electoral Register for the council area for which you wish to stand
- A local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; or has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof; or has during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area.

You cannot stand for election if you:

- Are bankrupt and an Order or Interim Restriction Order has been imposed.
- Have, within five years before the day of your application, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- Work for the council where you are intending to stand for election (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).
- Have been convicted or found guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority