

LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Councillor Vacancy

Long Melford Parish Council currently has a vacancy for the office of Councillor.

Please see the vacancy notice, accessible via the link below, for more details.

[NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR](#)

Further information about the role of a parish councillor and guidance on standing for election or co-option can be found using the following links:

[UK Government - Become a Councillor](#)

[Local Government Association - Be a Councillor](#)

[National Association of Local Councils - Make a Change: Become a Councillor](#)

Councillor Eligibility Criteria

To stand for election or co-option to become a parish councillor a person must be:

- At least 18 years old on the day of their nomination, and
- A British citizen or an eligible Commonwealth citizen, and must also meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - i. They are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which they wish to stand from the day of their nomination onwards.
 - ii. They 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 their nomination and the day of election or co-option.
 - iii. Their main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of their nomination and the day of election or co-option has been in the parish area.
 - iv. They have lived in the parish area or within three miles outside of its boundary during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their nomination and the day of election or co-option.

Councillor Disqualification Criteria

A person cannot stand for election or co-option as a parish councillor if, at the time of their nomination and on the day of election or co-option, any of the following are true:

- They are employed by the parish council or hold a paid office under the parish council (including joint boards or committees).
- They are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- They 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.
- They have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations) or under the Audit Commission Act 1998.
- They have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority following a decision of the First-tier Tribunal.
- They have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority for a sexual offence specified under the Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022.