

## **MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

A number of the older councillors who have served the Parish for many years will not be standing for reelection in May and EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL is calling on residents, passionate about their community, to stand in the local elections in 2019.

### **What do councillors do?**

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs. The Council is able to take up issues identified in the recent COMMUNITY PLAN, the proposed extension to the village, through-traffic, public space provision among others.

The Council also comments on planning applications within the village and manages its property at Kingfisher Wharf, the allotments on Butt Lane and the Sports facilities on Butt Close, College Street.

### **How long does it take?**

The Parish Council meets every month and select committees every quarter. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

### **Can I stand?**

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

### **How can I get involved?**

Nomination papers must be obtained from the Returning Officer, Rushcliffe Borough Council and deposited before 4pm 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Contact East Bridgford Parish Council Chairman ( during the temporary lack of a Parish Clerk) at [clarkphilipa@gmail.com](mailto:clarkphilipa@gmail.com) to find out more or visit the Council web site [www.eastbridgfordvillage.org.uk/parish-council](http://www.eastbridgfordvillage.org.uk/parish-council) or [www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections)

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