



## **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Elections - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **Get involved with the future of Mortimer!**

There are currently three vacancies on the 15 member Parish Council. Why not consider standing for election to one of the vacancies and join the 12 serving councillors until May 2023?

*The Council needs and will warmly welcome three new Councillors.*

You would be helping the community by making decisions on services and facilities, shaping the future vision of the parish, and helping progress the many projects run by the Parish Council.

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council is non-political and deals with local issues and facilities.

### **Get Involved and Help Make a Difference!**

As well as looking after the Fairground and its facilities, Windmill Common, the War Memorial and the Parish Cemetery, the Parish Council is currently involved in some exciting new projects:

- Widening of the footway to St Mary's school (with WBC)
- Footpath and cycleway from Mortimer to Burghfield
- Taking ownership of the Library building
- Neighbourhood Development Plan Renewal
- Extra fitness equipment and a youth facilities project

### **The Role of a Councillor**

- To represent the whole electorate of the Parish
- Participate in the collective decision-making process of the council; deciding on behalf of the community where money should be spent/what projects should be undertaken
- Assist with policy making
- Communicating and liaising with parishioners
- Monitoring the effectiveness of council decisions and ensuring that the council is properly managed

## What would I do as a Councillor?

- Attend Full Council meetings (10 per year) - forming policies and making decisions
- Serve on one or more of the committees (variable numbers of meetings):
  - Fairground and Cemetery
  - Roads, Footpaths and Commons
  - Planning
  - Finance and General Purposes
- You could also join working groups, represent the Council at meetings of local organisations and many other things!

## Am I Eligible?

You need to be:

- either a British, Commonwealth or European citizen
- over 18
- on the electoral roll for the Parish or lived, worked or owned property in the Parish for 12 months or within 3 miles of the Parish

## What To Do Next

Elections are organised by West Berkshire Council, for more information: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/article/29114/West-Berkshire-Elections-6-May-2021>

Also see SMPC's Election Information web page at: [www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk](http://www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk)

You need to complete nomination forms which must be submitted to WBC in Newbury by **4pm on Thursday 8th April**

***Do contact Lynn Hannawin (Clerk to the Council) who will answer queries and can put you in contact with a councillor should you wish to find out more: [the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk](mailto:the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk)***