

## LAYHAM PARISH COUNCIL - CASUAL VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. A Notice of Vacancy was displayed for 14 working days, in line with legislation, but no request was made for an election to be held. We are therefore now able to go ahead and co-opt.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option, please let me know by noon on Wednesday 12 August - please include a brief biography.

Interviews will be held on Monday 17 and/or Tuesday 18 August (to be confirmed).

### **Some useful information:**

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government in England and Wales and are closest to the people. Parish Councillors have two main responsibilities: representing the whole electorate within the parish and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They have direct responsibility for a few services, for example - allotments.

They can influence many things by working in partnership with the District Council and the County Council. District and County Councillors attend most of our meetings.

The Parish Council is an effective way to get involved in community life. Parish Councillors are elected by the public or co-opted by the other councillors and serve four-year terms. No previous experience is necessary. Layham Parish Council chooses not to pay allowances but expenses incurred in carrying out duties are covered.

Being a Parish Councillor requires some time and commitment and a willingness to undertake training courses. Meetings are held monthly.

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