

# **Parish Elections**

## **2 May 2019**

5 February 2019

# What we will cover...

- Who's who
- Key dates of the election timetable
- Qualifications & Disqualifications
- Nominations
- Candidate Spending
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# Elections Team

- Returning Officer – Sharon Kemp
- Deputy Returning Officers:
  - Dermot Pearson
  - Claire Wardle
- Electoral Services – RMBC

# Elections on 2 May 2019

- Parish elections – Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley
- Community Governance Review 2018, creation of Waverley Community Council
- Number of councillors to be elected:

Catcliffe	9
Orgreave	7
Waverley	7

# Election Timetable

<b>Publish Notice of Election</b>	<b>Tuesday 26 March</b>
Nominations Commence	Wednesday 27 March
Close of nominations	4pm on Wednesday 3 April
Deadline for withdrawals	4pm on Wednesday 3 April
Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated	4pm on Thursday 4 April
Deadline to register to vote	Friday 12 April
Deadline for new postal vote applications and changes to existing postal or proxy vote applications	5pm on Monday 15 April

# Election Timetable

Publication of Notice of Poll	Wednesday 24 April
Deadline for applications for new proxy votes	5pm on Wednesday 24 April
Appointment of counting and polling agents	Thursday 25 April
Polling Day	Thursday 2 May 7am – 10pm
Deadline to apply to vote by proxy on grounds of medical emergency or if unexpectedly called away because of employment or service	5pm on Thursday 2 May
Replacement for lost/spoilt postal votes ends	5pm on Thursday 2 May
Return of election expenses	Thursday 30 May

# Standing as a candidate

# Qualifications

- Candidates must satisfy criteria on day they are nominated **and** on polling day:
  - At least 18 years of age
  - British, qualifying Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen
- And at least one of the following:
  - registered as a local government elector for the parish
  - Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish during the whole 12 months preceding nomination
  - Main or only place of work during last 12 months has been in the parish
  - Lived in the parish or within 3 miles of it during the last 12 months



# Disqualifications

A person cannot be a candidate if they:

- Are employed by the parish council, or hold a paid office under the parish council
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- Have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the 5 years before 2 May 2019
- Have been disqualified under the RPA 1983 for a corrupt or illegal electoral practice

A person may also be disqualified following a decision of a First-tier tribunal

# Submitting nomination papers

- All candidates must submit by 4pm on 3 April
  - Nomination paper
  - Home address form
  - The candidate's consent to nomination
- The nomination paper and consent to nomination must be delivered by hand
  - to Electoral Services, Bailey House

# Submitting nomination papers

Party candidates will also need to submit, by 4pm on 3 April

- A certificate authorising the use of a party name/registered description on the ballot paper
- A written request to use one of the party's emblems on the ballot paper (optional)

# Contested...

- If there are more validly nominated candidates for the parish than there are seats – the election is contested and goes to a poll...



# Candidate spending

- Defined as certain expenses 'used for the purposes of the candidate's election' during the regulated period
- Candidate's responsibility
- Limit on expenses – £740 + 6p per elector
- Must get and keep receipts (over £10)

# Further Information

- Nomination pack – written guidance
- Electoral Commission  
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>
- Briefing for prospective candidates
  - 5pm 18 March, Bailey House, Rotherham

# Contacts

- Electoral Services Office – 01709 823590
- Electoral Commission
  - Candidate guidance – 0333 103 1928
  - Election expenses – 020 7271 0616