

Election Briefing Update

07 March 2023

OVERVIEW

The Parish Council election will take place on Thursday 04 May 2023, for all seven member places.

ELECTION TIMETABLE

Monday 27 th March	Notice of Election – displayed in the Parish
Tuesday 4 th April 4 PM	Nomination forms to be received by WODC (BY HAND)
Wednesday 5 th April 4 PM	Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated
From 5 th April	Notices published – either: Result of Uncontested Election OR Notice of Poll
<u>IF POLL</u>	
Monday 17 th April	Last date for voter registration
Thursday 4 th May 7 AM – 10 PM	Polling Day
Friday 5 th May	Count – Declaration of Result
<u>AFTER ELECTION</u>	
Tuesday 9 th May	New councillors come into office, old councillors retire The outgoing Chairman remains in office until a successor is elected, whether or not they have been re-elected
<u>IF UNCONTESTED</u>	
Between 9 th and 22 nd May	Annual Council Meeting
<u>IF CONTESTED</u>	
Between 15 th and 22 nd May	Annual Council Meeting

CANDIDATES - ELIGIBILITY

Citizenship	British, Irish, Commonwealth and EU
Minimum age	18
One of 4 qualifications	On the register of elector Occupy land as an owner or tenant in the parish Principal or only place of work is in the parish Live in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary

NOMINATIONS

Deadline for nominations is Tuesday 4th April at **4 pm**.

Nomination packs are available from the Clerk or from WODC.

Completed nomination packs must be delivered to WODC by hand.

If they are posted, WODC will contact the nominee and request that they attend WODC office. The nomination pack is returned to the nominee, and the nominee gives it back by hand.

WODC request that nominations are received before Tuesday 4th if possible, to allow time for errors to be corrected.

Nomination packs to be returned include the nomination form, the consent form, and the home address form – all must be signed and witness where required.

Home address form – if a candidate opts NOT to have their address published, the notices and ballot paper will state "*Address in West Oxfordshire*".

POST ELECTION

All councillors must sign the Acceptance of Office form on or before the Annual Council Meeting (unless the Council resolves to permit a later signing) or the post becomes vacant again.

All councillors must complete their Register of Interests, and Election Expenses Form (whether or not monies have been spent).

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PHOTOGRAPHIC VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Everyone voting in person will need to have photographic voter identification.

More information regarding this can be obtained from www.electoralcommission.org.uk