

## **Parish Council Elections 2011**

# Do you want to make a difference in your local community?

**Then why not become a parish councillor?**

## By becoming a parish or town councillor you can:

- Take an interest in issues that affect your area
- Represent the views of members of your local village or community
- Have an impact on decisions that affect the lives of those around you, for example you can comment on local planning applications or give your support to community groups in the area
- Have a say on how money is spent to benefit your community and local area

Being a parish or town councillor isn't a full time job. It's possible to represent your local community whilst still being in employment elsewhere. The likelihood is that you will need to attend a meeting no more than once a week and these are usually held in the evening.

Working as a parish or town councillor is done on a voluntary basis. There is no salary involved but the benefits are that you get the chance to influence the decisions taken to improve services for your local area.

Local councils value the wide range of skills their members bring to the running of the council. You don't need to be politically motivated to be on the parish or town council in your area. You can stand as an independent councillor if you like, although you may also approach one of the political parties to stand on their behalf if you wish to do so.

# How can I find out more about being a local councillor?

If you're interested in obtaining more information about your how your local parish or town council works, why not visit their website? There you can find out about the dates and times of meetings where you could attend and see what goes on and maybe speak to your local councillors to find out just what is involved.

Bradfield Parish Council: [www.bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk)

Ecclesfield Parish Council: [www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk)

Stocksbridge Town Council: [www.stocksbridge-council.co.uk](http://www.stocksbridge-council.co.uk)

Alternatively, contact the clerk to the council you are interested in:

Bradfield Parish Council Email: [admin@bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@bradfield-yorks-pc.gov.uk)

Tel: 0114 2851375

Ecclesfield Parish Council Email: [ecclesfieldpc@aol.com](mailto:ecclesfieldpc@aol.com)

Tel: 0114 2845095

Stocksbridge Town Council Email: [stocks.council@btinternet.com](mailto:stocks.council@btinternet.com)

Tel: 0114 2887895

# When does all this happen?

Elections to the Parish and Town Councils take place every four years and the next one will take place on 5 May 2011.

Nomination packs, giving further information about standing for election, will be available from Electoral Services from mid March 2011 – see contact details below.

Nominations may be submitted for the 2011 Elections from Monday 28 March 2011 and the last date for receipt of nominations is noon (midday) on Monday 4 April 2011.

For further information about elections and the nomination process please contact:

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