**Repton Parish Council Needs You!!**

Would you or someone you know, like to be involved in representing the Repton Parish? Repton Parish Council has a casual vacancy for one councillor, due to only 10 out of the 11 seats being filled by an uncontested Election this year. This now means that the vacancy can be filled by co-opting a councillor. This person would hold the post of Councillor until the next local elections which are due in May 2027 for the Repton Parish, which includes not only Repton but also Milton. The criteria below are the same for a Councillor that is voted in during an election or co-opted.

What is the Purpose of a Parish Councillor?

You are there to represent the views of all the residents within your parish. You will be responsible for the running of services the Council provide, such as the burial ground, allotments, arboreta and recreation facilities at Mitre Field and Broomhills recreation ground. You work to bring forward issues that are important to the residents that you represent and help to plan how the Parish Council can improve the Parish’s facilities. The Council are trying to improve Youth Facilities in the area at the moment. You can comment on planning applications in the area and represent the views of the residents that may be affected by the plans. You must be willing to represent the views of the whole community.

What criteria must you meet to be a Councillor?

1. Over the age of 18 years **and**
2. Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member of the European Union **and**
3. Be registered as a local government elector for the parish *OR* occupy as an owner or tenant, land or premises in the parish for the past 12 months *OR* work in the parish as your principal or only place of work *OR* live within three miles of the parish boundary

What obligations are there?

1. You must sign a declaration of office before you can attend your first meeting.
2. You must abide by the Parish Council’s code of conduct, this can be found on the website
3. Complete a register of interests which will be published on the Parish Council’s website and that of South Derbyshire District Council. This ensures that you have declared any interests that you may have of a financial nature or that may benefit you or could influence what decisions you make as a Councillor.

What will be expected of you?

Repton Parish Council has 11 meetings per year; these are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 19:30 (excluding August). Usually held in Repton Village Hall, the October meeting is held in Milton Village Hall. You should attend as many of these as possible. You will be expected to have read the agenda and previous month’s minutes before the meeting. The meeting is your chance to present your views and that of the residents that you represent. Committee meetings are also held for Finance and Flooding. The Council has various working groups that you should try and involve yourself with, hopefully these will encompass areas of the parish that you may already have an interest in.

Still interested or think you may know someone that is?

Application forms and details of the co-option process can be found on the website [www.repton.gov.uk](http://www.repton.gov.uk) or by contacting the Clerk, details shown below. Application forms need to be submitted to the Clerk no later than 9th May 2023. The co-option will occur at the May 2023 meeting, which will be held on 11th May 2023 at 19:30 in Milton Village Hall.

Any queries please contact the Clerk on 07341 907137 or clerk@repton-pc.gov.uk or speak to any of the Councillors.