

# **Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle Parish Council**

## **Parish Council Vacancies**

Being a Parish Councillor offers an opportunity to make a difference to our community and as such the role is both interesting and rewarding. To discuss more about the role or to pose any questions please contact David Neudegg [d.neudegg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:d.neudegg@hotmail.co.uk) or call on 07894 475708.

There are currently Parish Council vacancies, and these can be filled by the process of Co-option. If anyone would like to put themselves forward, please contact the Acting Clerk by email to express an interest in the role [clerk@briantspuddle.info](mailto:clerk@briantspuddle.info) A recurring Agenda item will appear on the Agenda of each meeting until all vacancies are filled.

### **The following process will be followed when it comes to Co-option**

The Parish Clerk will advertise the role and any one expressing an interest in the position should contact the Parish Clerk, in order for the Clerk to explain the Co-option process.

At the next Parish Council Meeting the candidate will be given five minutes to introduce themselves to Members, give information on their background and experience and explain why they wish to become a Member of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council. This process will be carried out by adjourning the meeting to allow the candidate to speak. Where the Council wishes to discuss the merits of candidates and inevitably their personal attributes, this could be prejudicial, and the Council will resolve to exclude members of the public.

As soon as all candidates have finished their submissions, the council will proceed to a vote on the acceptability of each candidate. In order for a candidate to be elected it will be necessary for them to obtain an absolute majority of votes cast. After the votes have been concluded, the Chairman will declare the successful candidate duly elected and after signing the declaration of acceptance of office, the new Member may take their seat immediately.