

Are you interested in joining the Parish Council?

A councillor is a member of the council and is normally elected for a term of four years. People of any political or religious persuasion are eligible to become a councillor, although their personal views should not extend into their parish council work.

Thursford Parish Council has no vacancies at present. However, in May 2019 all parish councillors will go through an election process.

Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding and valued form of public service. All councillors contribute to the work of the Parish Council by:

- Having a say about the things they care about
- Putting forward ideas for better services
- Responding to the needs and views of parishioners
- Seeking the best outcome to local issues
- Getting involved in decision making
- Helping to make Thursford a better place to live!

We meet five times a year on a Monday evening. Meetings commence at 7 pm lasting around 1 hour at the Methodist Chapel, in Thursford Green. Councillors are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis. North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) is holding a **prospective councillor event** on Monday 4th March 2019 from 6 pm in Cromer. If you would like to go along then let the Parish Clerk know so a place can be booked for you. You can read about the forthcoming election process on the Electoral Commission's website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>

We'd like to encourage prospective parish councillors to come along to our March meeting on 25th at 7.00 p.m., so that you can then learn more about what we do.



The Role of a Councillor

Local councils are the first tier of governance and are the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a community issue. They are democratically elected local authorities, made up of locally elected councillors. Our District and County councillors regularly attend parish meetings to report back on developments at parish level. Councillors must abide by a Code of Conduct which is a set of rules on how councillors are expected to

behave. They must also declare their pecuniary (financial) interests in the parish, details of which are kept on a register at NNDC. Being a parish councillor can be an interesting and rewarding experience.