

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2017

URCHFONT PARISH COUNCIL URGENTLY NEEDS YOU

– *the Council needs at least three, preferably four or more, of you as electors of the Parish to step forward to seek nomination for the May 2017 election.*



Full Parish council elections will be held on 4th May 2017 which will give the Community the opportunity to elect all 11 councillor posts from approved nominations at that time (from existing councillors if they wish to stand for re-election and/or from new candidates). If only 11 or less nominations are received by the 4th April deadline, then your opportunity to vote in an election will be denied and those nominated will automatically be elected uncontested.

Current indications suggest that there will be at least two existing councillors that will not be standing for re-election; this together with the current vacancy means that at least 3 out of the 11 seats will not be contested **UNLESS YOU** express an interest and obtain a nomination to stand for the election. To date no one in the Parish has expressed such an interest.

To qualify for nomination you need to be at least 18 years old, be a British Citizen (or eligible commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union) and meet at least one of four residency criteria including being a registered elector of the Parish. There is also a list of items that would automatically disqualify you from being nominated. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council, including details of what the Parish Council does and how it operates.

Surely there must be an elector or two or three or more out there somewhere in the Parish who is interested in joining and having the opportunity to take part in the work of and influence this forward looking local Council committed to improving the needs of **OUR Community!!**

If you are that person(s), please make yourself known to the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible, he will then keep you informed of the process and timetable for the election. Email: clerk@urchfont-pc.gov.uk