

LAYHAM PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Following a resignation, the PC has a vacancy for a Councillor.

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government in England and Wales and are closest to the people. Parish Councillors have two main responsibilities: representing the whole electorate within the parish and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They can influence many things by working in partnership with the District Council and the County Council. District and County Councillors attend most of our meetings, which are held monthly (with the exception of August and December).

The Parish Council is an effective way to get involved in community life. Parish Councillors are elected by the public or co-opted by the other councillors. Layham Parish Council does not pay allowances, but covers expenses incurred.

We encourage applications from anyone who meets the eligibility criteria. Having Councillors from different backgrounds, with different skills, attitudes and interests, helps us work better as a team. The following list of skills, knowledge and experience might help you decide whether to apply:

- knowledge and understanding of your local community;
- a keen interest in local matters;
- ability and willingness to represent the Council and the community;
- ability and willingness to work closely with other members of the Council and to maintain good working relationships with members and staff;
- ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing;
- willingness to attend training courses;
- willingness to get actively involved in community affairs;
- good reasoning and decision making skills.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age and must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- be registered as a local government elector for the parish;
- have occupied land or other premises in the parish for at least 12 months;
- have worked in the parish for at least 12 months (principal or only place of work);
- have resided in or within 3 miles of the parish for at least twelve months.

If you are interested, please write to or email the Parish Clerk, Jane Cryer (07920 713940, layhampc@gmail.com), stating why you would like to join the PC and giving details of any relevant experience and what you feel you could bring to the role. The PC will use your information to assess your suitability; applicants may be invited to meet Parish Council members for an informal discussion.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026