



## What Makes an Effective Parish Councillor?

All the following are indicative rather than essential qualities

Area	Qualities
Knowledge & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community</li> <li>• Experience of working with voluntary and or local community groups</li> <li>• Experience of committee work</li> <li>• Experience of working with or for a public body such as a local authority</li> </ul>
Skills, Aptitude & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good communication and interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to represent the Council and the local community</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to undertake training</li> <li>• Desire to maintain and improve the quality of life for local residents</li> <li>• Desire to maintain and improve the local environment</li> <li>• Computer literate</li> <li>• Presentation/public speaking skills</li> </ul>
Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the Council and also its partners, such as the local authority or other local bodies, in the evening and at weekends</li> <li>• Equipped and able to communicate via e-mail</li> </ul>