

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTION PROCESS

Having regard to incorrect information published on a website named godshill.online, the Parish Council would wish to advise residents on the process of election of Parish Councillors as follows –

1. The Parish Council of Godshill comprises of six Councillors and elections for the Parish Council take place every four years, the last being in May 2017.
2. Should the number of nominations for election be six or less then those nominated become elected members of the Parish Council.
3. Should the number of nominations exceed six then there is a resulting ballot and the six obtaining the most votes in the ballot become elected.
4. Should the number of nominations be less than six, then those elected will advertise for nominations for cooption. If the applications for cooption exceed the number of vacancies, then an interview process is held and those elected appoint the coopted Councillors.
5. The four remaining current Parish Councillors were all nominated for election in 2017 and are therefore elected councillors.
6. The two coopted Councillors who have recently both resigned for personal reasons were both appointed following proper advertisement of the positions and a subsequent interview process.
7. In the event of resignation(s) ‘casual vacancies’ arise and if sufficient electors (ten) write to Electoral Services requesting an election to fill the vacant positions then a Bye Election is called. A Notice of Election for the two current vacancies is now on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.

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