

Elections

There will be elections on **2nd May 2019** for Kingsmead Parish Council. Individuals will be putting themselves forward for a four year term.

Mid-February – the forms go online
15th March – Notice of Election
18th March to 3rd April at 4pm – Nominations can be received.
4th April – Statement of persons nominated is published
2nd May – Elections 7am to 10pm
6th May – Bank Holiday Monday
7th May – First working day after results

The existing Chairman remains in place until 20th May and will preside over the first agenda item.

20th May – Annual meeting

Please [get in touch](#) if you feel you would like to discuss the role of a Parish Councillor and are considering standing for the Parish Council in next year's elections.

To register to vote, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

The Cheshire Association of Local Councils will be running new councillor courses.

Information on purdah can be found at: <http://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/purdah>.

Councillor Eligibility

In order to be eligible for election as a Kingsmead Parish Councillor you must be:

- ✓ a British citizen
- ✓ 18 years age or over on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are elected).

You must additionally be able to meet **one** of the following qualifications

- I am registered as a local government elector for the parish of Kingsmead; or
- I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish of Kingsmead; or
- My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish of Kingsmead; or

☐ I have during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-

option resided in the parish of Kingsmead or within 3 miles of it.

Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she:

a) holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented;

or

b) is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors* (but see below);

or

c) has within five years before the day of co-option, or since his/her co-option, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine;

or

d) is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

*This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:-

- i. if the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
- ii. if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;
- iii. if the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In (i) and (ii) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In (iii), it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.