



CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Caring for the Community




Parish Council Elections

Beverley Bell FSLCC MIET IEng

07 December 2022

Make a Difference – Become a Councillor

**CALLING ALL
COMMUNITY HEROES**



NEEDS YOU!

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:

Parish Council Elections 2023

THURSDAY 04 MAY 2023

What do Parish Councils do?

- Provide grass roots representation – High Street improvements
- Consultee on planning applications
- Provide open spaces – Snoxhall Fields, Bruce McKenzie Field, Beryl Harvey Field, Centenary Garden
- Provide recreation facilities – football pitches, tennis courts
- Provide play parks – Snoxhall Fields play park
- Provide allotments – Amlets Lane, Beryl Harvey Field, Elmbridge Road
- Provide cemeteries – Dewlands Lane
- Provide public toilets – Village Way, The Common, Snoxhall Fields
- Provide community buildings – Village Hall, Snoxhall Pavilion, Snoxhall Community Centre
- Take part in community events – Remembrance Sunday, Christmas lights switch on, Jubilee, Proclamation, Coronation
- Provide youth facilities – Youth Council, Youth Music Club
- Community Speedwatch
- Street Champions

Eligibility

To be a councillor you need to be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however, the criteria has changed now that the UK has left the European Union.
- At least 18 years old
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election

Eligibility

You can't be a councillor if you:

- Work for the council you want to be a councillor for, or for another local authority in a political restricted post
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- Have been sentenced to prison for three months or more (including suspended sentences) during the five years before election day
- Have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court
- Are subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, in respect of a sexual offence.

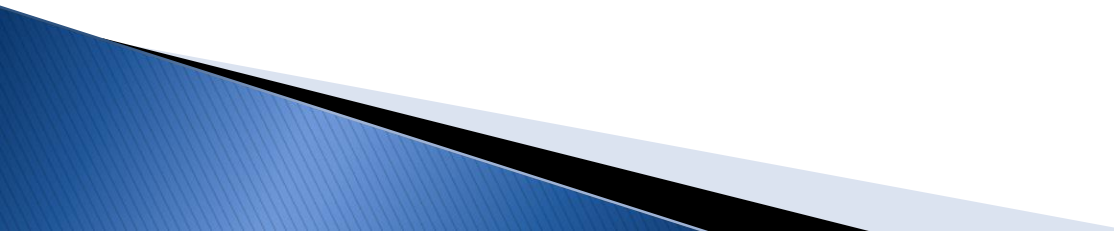
Do I need any experience or qualifications?

- Community leadership
- Communication skills
- Partnership and team working
- Problem solving, questioning and analytical skills
- Being flexible, adaptable and open-minded
- Organisational and time management skills
- Political understanding

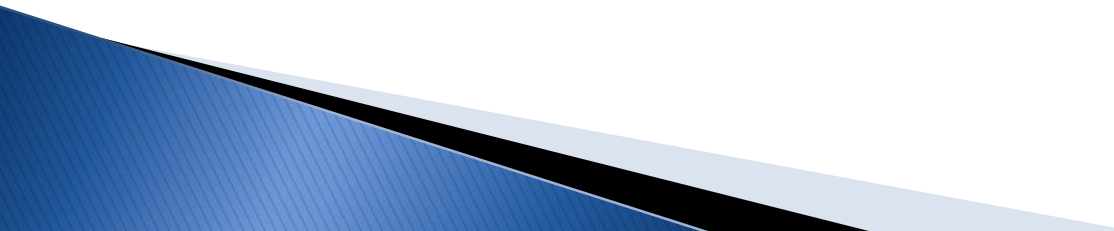
Your everyday skills, life experience, hard-working attitude, passion and commitment are most important.

Civility and Respect

The Seven Principles of Public Life:

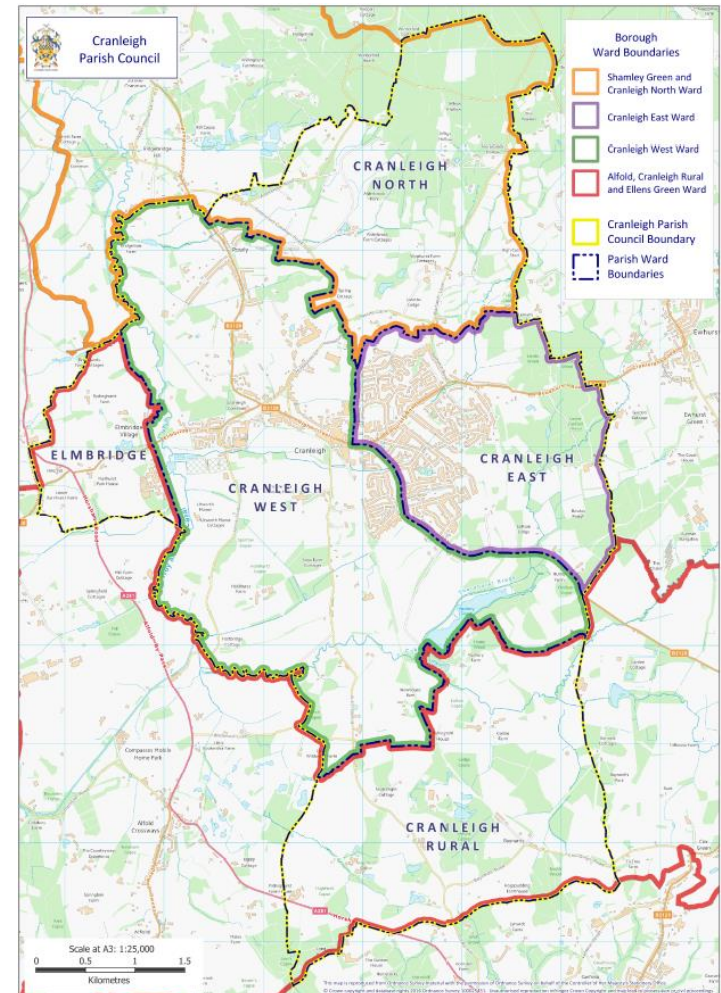
- Selflessness
 - Integrity
 - Objectivity
 - Accountability
 - Openness
 - Honesty
 - Leadership
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Parish Council Election Process

- Term of Office is four years
 - Managed by Waverley Borough Council as the Electoral Authority.
 - Managed according to statute – The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006
 - Funded by the Parish Council – cost can be up to £12,000 for a contested election
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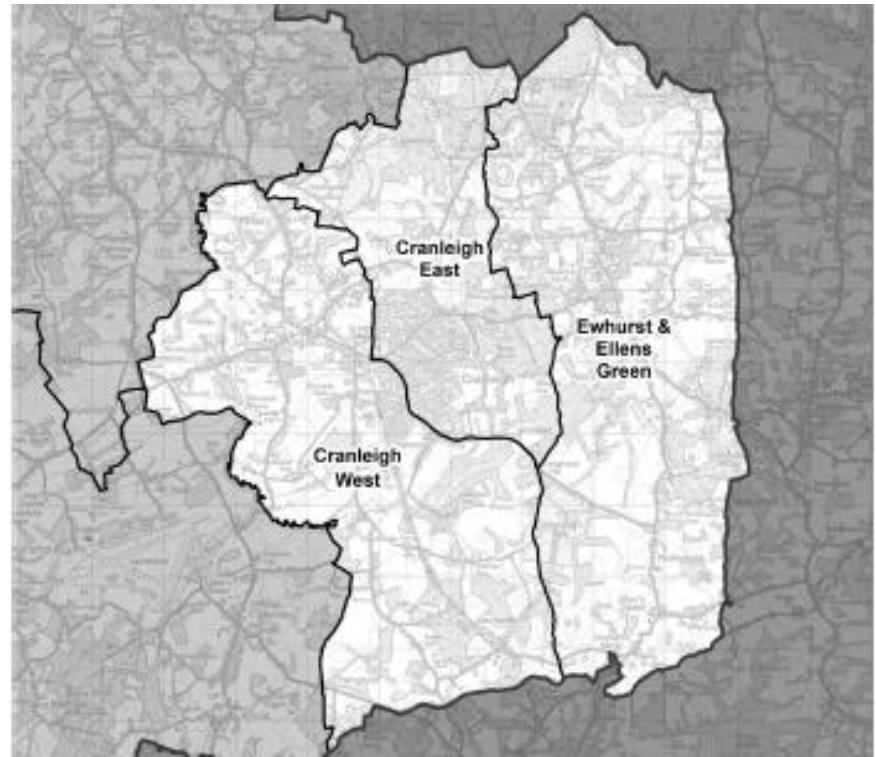
Cranleigh Parish Wards

- Currently five wards:
- Cranleigh East (5)
- Cranleigh West (4)
- Cranleigh North (1)
- Elmbridge (1)
- Rural (1)



Community Governance Re-organisation Order

- Should be in place for May 2023 elections.
- Simplify Wards



Election Timetable

23 March 2023	Notice of Election not later than 25 days before poll
04 April 2023	Delivery of nomination papers up to 4.00pm on nineteenth day before election
05 April 2023	Publication of Statement of Nominated Persons by 4.00pm on eighteenth day before election

▶ Dates subject to confirmation of the Returning Officer.

Pre-Election Period – Purdah

Begins on day Notice of Election is published – 23 March 2023

- ▶ Restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986.
 - ▶ The Act says that the council should “**not publish any material which, in whole, or in part, appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party.**”
 - ▶ The council can still issue media releases on factual matters provided that these do not identify individual councillors or groups of councillors, such as political or other groups outside normal council structures.
 - ▶ Councillors may respond to enquiries received from the media in a personal capacity
 - ▶ Individual councillors can issue their own statements, be active on social media, write letters to local newspapers for publication, contact the media directly or issue statements in a personal capacity, but **must not use council resources** (including staff time) to do so.
- ▶ Dates subject to confirmation of the Returning Officer.

King Charles III Coronation



Election Day and Beyond

04 May 2023	Election Day
05 May 2023	Count and Notice of Persons Elected
06 May 2023	Coronation of King Charles III
08 May 2023	Bank Holiday
09 May 2023	New Council takes office
18 May 2023	Annual Council Meeting Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman