

24 MAY 2022

## **MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

**Stillingfleet Parish Council** is calling on residents who care about our village and are passionate about our community to apply for one of two Councillor ordinary vacancies which exist following the recent Council elections.

### **What do councillors do?**

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

### **How long does it take?**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

### **Can I stand?**

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in the area that is served by our local council

### **You remember Jackie Weaver?**

Take a quick look at Jackie's video encouraging more people to get involved in their local parish council. The video can be found at:

NALC releases a new video for its Make A Change campaign – News

If you are interested in being a local councillor please write to the council and explain why you would like to be a councillor outlining the skills and experience that you could bring to the role.

To apply please contact **Stillingfleet Parish Council** at [clerk@stillingfleetparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@stillingfleetparishcouncil.org)

**CLOSING DATE: 30 JUNE 2022**

The Parish Council will consider applications and reach a decision of who to co-opt at the Parish Council meeting on **4 AUGUST 2022**.