

# Parish Council Elections May 2011

Parish Council Elections are to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.  
Parish Councillors are elected by the public and will serve four years in office.

## Election timetable

- **Notice of Election** 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011. This will be displayed on the notice boards prior to this date.
- **Closure of nominations** will be at noon precisely on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- **Publication of statement of persons nominated** at noon 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- **Closure of withdrawals** at noon precisely on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- **Notice of Poll** 26 April 2011. This will be displayed on the notice boards prior to this date.
- **Polling Day** 5 May 2011.

If you wish to stand as a Councillor then you **must** satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- You need to be a British Citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth Citizen or a Citizen of any other member of state on the European Union
- You need to be on the Electoral Register for the council area for which you wish to stand
- You need to be a local government elector of the parish or a person who resided in or within three miles of the parish for at least the past 12 months before nomination

You **cannot** stand for election if you:

- Are bankrupt and an Order or Interim Restriction Order has been imposed
- Have, within 5 years before the day of the election, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- Work for the council where you are intending to standing for election (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).
- Have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court or have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority.

Nomination forms will be available from the Returning Officer at West Devon Borough Council who can be contacted on 01822 813600. A nomination pack will be sent to anyone who is eligible to stand. You will need to complete your form with your personal details, names of persons nominating you and your Electoral Register number. If you do not know this, then you can contact your Parish Clerk, Lucie Luke on 01822 614278 or West Devon on 01822 813600.