

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Local elections for all Dorset Parish and Town Councils are to be held on 2 May 2019. These elections ensure that at least once every five years local people get their chance to choose candidates who will represent them and their views.

Parish and Town Councils are responsible for many things such as footpaths, bus shelters, parks and community centres and they are consulted on planning applications, highway improvements, grant funding and projects that affect where you live and what facilities your community receives.

Voting in local elections is important and takes very little time. Councillors remain in office for a five year term and their decisions affect the future of your whole community. Councillors live side by side with you in your community; they are the most local level of government, being easy to contact and directly answerable to the community. They raise money primarily through your local council tax to administer their decisions and you need to be sure that you have voted for the right people to look after the community.

Look out for further information about council elections over the next few weeks. Also, why not attend our next council meeting? This will be held on Tuesday 12 March at the Anne Biddlecombe Hall, Tarrant Keyneston. From 6.30pm councillors and the parish clerk will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about becoming a councillor or about the day to day work of the parish council. The council meeting will then start at 7.00pm.

**NOTE:** This article has been placed by South Tarrant Valley Parish Council and is primarily intended for the information of residents living in Tarrants Crawford, Keyneston, Rushton and Rawston. Further information about the work of South Tarrant Valley Parish Council can be found in its website: <http://www.southtarrantparishcouncil.co.uk/>