

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 11TH 2023

Item 9 – To receive and note an updating report on planning for the May 2023 Parish Council Elections

Following my report to the March 14th 2023 Council meeting I can confirm that the following actions have taken place or are shortly to take place:-

1. An article has been included in the April newsletter about the elections and standing as a parish councillor.
2. Further reminders about Voter ID; registering as a voter if not on the register already; and registering for a postal vote (if required) have all been added to the Parish Council's Facebook page.
3. Since the nomination period opened on March 20th 2023, current Councillors whose term of office ends on May 9th 2023 have been reminded by me on two separate occasions about the need to complete and submit nomination papers to the NFDC Electoral Services Team by 4pm on Tuesday April 4th if they wish to be considered for re-election.
4. Items continue to be added to the Parish Council website on both the "Home Page" and on a web page dedicated to the Elections. NFDC are continuing to add more information on their website.

It is my understanding that sufficient nominations have been submitted to ensure that the Parish Council will be quorate at the May 16th 2023 meeting.

I am expecting the NFDC Electoral Services Team to advise me after 4pm on Wednesday April 5th 2023 of the names of those persons who are standing for election for the Parish Council.

Once those details are known and if it is clear that vacancies will exist on the "new" council then preparation for "Co-Option" will begin.

David Rigby, Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council
March 31st 2023