16 MAY 2019

**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 the two Councillor vacancies which exist following the recent local 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

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**

CLOSING DATE: 12 JULY 2019