# Tanfield Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

March 2015

## **ELECTION SPECIAL**

### **INTERESTED IN STANDING?**

To stand for election you need to complete and submit (to Hambleton District Council) a number of documents, including a Nomination Paper, which are available in the Nomination Paper Pack. These packs are now available from Hambleton District Council by calling 01609 767131. You should also call the District Council if you have questions about the election process, or completing the required forms.

#### HOW IS THE COUNCIL MADE UP?

There are 5 seats available on Tanfield Parish Council. 4 for the West Tanfield ward and 1 for the East Tanfield ward. If more candidates stand than there are seats available then an election will be held on 7th May. If 5 or less candidates put themselves forward an election will not be held.





The key dates in the election process are outlined in a timetable of proceedings available on the Parish Council and District Council's websites, but are summarised as being:

- Deadline for receipt of nomination papers -Thursday 9th April
- Deadline for withdrawal of candidature -Thursday 9th April
- Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated - Friday 10th April
- Publication of Notice of Poll (if one is to take place) Tuesday 28th April
- Polling Day Thursday 7th May

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www.hambleton.gov.uk/electoral-elections/3552-7-may-elections 01609 767131

The **Good Councillor's Guide** has information about the role of a Councillor and the work of a Parish Council. Available from the Clerk or online.

#### **RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR**

Steven Houston has resigned as a Parish Councillor serving the West Tanfield ward. It is likely that this vacancy will be filled through the elections process.

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## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next, ordinary, Parish Council meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to invite residents to the annual meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from 7pm in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for the parish to come together, review what's taken place in the past twelve months and look forward to the 2015/16 year. Local organisations will also be invited to come and report on their activities.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be the first meeting after the elections and an opportunity for you to meet your new Council.