

FAQ PARISH COUNCILORS, WARDENS AND SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Retiring Mid Term from Parish Council

If a parish councilor retires or resigns mid-term, irrespective of the reason, they should not be replaced and the parish council and Priest-in-Charge should wait until the next AMP for the next election or appointment.

Length of term of appointment for a warden

Wardens are elected every three years because the individual is in place for three years, matching the triennium period of the Synod. If this individual retires or resigns mid-term, a fresh election can be called by holding an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Requirements on a Warden

The requirements to be a warden are the same as for a parish councilor i.e., a Voting Parishioner AND the individual must have spent some time on the parish council, so cannot be a stranger to the community or to the culture of the parish, the leadership style and the relationships with the people. Good governance and good sense would say the experience on parish council should be within a reasonably recent period and not years or decades previously.

Tenure for parish councilors and wardens

The tenure for parish councilors is one year and must stand for re-election and appointment each year and can hold office for six consecutive years starting at the AMP in February 2018. If there is a break during that six year period, the count starts again.

A warden may stand for two terms i.e., six years. There must then be a three year break, or, the individual can take one year off, and re-stand as a parish councilor for two years before standing again as warden.

Synod Reps and Alternate Synod Reps

Synod representatives are elected for the triennium of Synod and must be individuals who understand the parish's governance and be prepared to feedback to parish council the changes in legislation and information from the Diocese and the Bishop.

Synod Representatives must be Voting Parishioners AND be confirmed; similarly for Alternate Synod Representatives.

Two Alternate Synod representatives are elected at the same time, in case a Synod Representative is unable to attend the Synod gatherings or take part in other Synod obligations.