

Agenda item no.	10
Report to	Burwash Parish Council (BPC)
Subject	Elections 2 nd May
From	The Clerk

Summary

It was agreed in February Meeting that the Clerk look into ways to promote the elections. With 13 seats Burwash is a large Parish Council. Practically, failure to have 9 people stand will stop the Council receiving the General power of Competency once the Clerk is CiLCA qualified. It is positive to have an engaged community who wish to stand for the position of Parish Councillor.

Rother District Council (RDC) have sent out a timetable:

Date	Event
Friday 1 March	Publication of revised register of electors
Monday 25 March	Publication of notice of election
Monday 25 March	Beginning of pre-election period (“purdah”)
Monday 25 March	Poll cards dispatched
Monday 25 March – 4pm on Wednesday 3 April	Delivery of nomination papers
Thursday 4 April	Publication of statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and situation of polling stations
Friday 12 April	Deadline to register to vote
5pm on Monday 15 April	Deadline to apply to vote by post
Wednesday 17 April – Thursday 18 April	Postal votes dispatched
Tuesday 23 April – Thursday 2 May	Postal vote opening sessions (Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea)
5pm on Wednesday 24 April	Deadline to apply to vote by proxy
Thursday 25 April	Deadline for candidates to appoint polling agents and counting agents
Thursday 2 May (7am – 10pm)	Polling day
Friday 3 May	Verification and count (De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Sea)
Friday 3 May	End of pre-election period (“purdah”)
Thursday 30 May	Deadline for return as to election expenses

Recommendations

1. Create a web page with key dates and information with links to documents
2. Post articles onto social media including the Community Facebook and PTFA Facebook pages promoting the submission of nomination papers by 3rd April at 4pm the latest

3. Promote nomination papers on posters replacing the Love Burwash posters
4. Print off hard copies of the nomination papers and leave in the Internet Café/Butchers/Pubs?
5. Print off hard copies and the Clerk keep some in the Parish Office
6. Email local groups about the nomination papers
7. Use Love Burwash as an opportunity to invite people to come and speak to Councillors

Resolution(s)

Councillors are asked to resolve the above recommendations and make any additional recommendations for promoting.