



## **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU !**

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR ?**

On Thursday May 2nd 2019 there will be an election for Breckland District Council and Thompson Parish Council.

Thompson Parish Council is entitled to have a maximum of seven Parish Councillors, serving a term of four years. In May 2019 all Councillors have to stand down and be re-elected if they wish to continue to serve on the Parish Council.

Parish councils are responsible for setting (and spending) the precept, currently about £5,000 a year, keeping an eye on planning applications, street lighting and other local issues e.g. Highways, flooding etc. Parish Councils are also a link between villagers and Breckland District Council.

There are usually 7 meetings a year, spread out fairly evenly over the twelve months, held in the Thompson Community Hall, starting at 7.30pm and they usually last about an hour and a half, depending on the agenda. Our District and County Councillors, Phil Cowen and Fabian Eagle are often also in attendance and offer advice when necessary.

If you feel you would like to be part of how Thompson develops in the future, please contact Kim Austin ([parishclerk@thompsonvillage.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@thompsonvillage.org.uk) or 07811 287071) or any of the current Councillors (Find their details on the parish website [www.thompsonvillage.org.uk](http://www.thompsonvillage.org.uk)) who will be able to tell you what you need to do to put your name forward. You can also speak to any Councillor for further information and to answer any questions you may have. Please note the deadline for nomination papers to be received by Breckland Council is 4pm on **Wednesday 3 April 2019.**

We look forward to having some new nominations this year.  
Please consider standing !

Thank you.  
Councillor Jean Kaye (Chair, Thompson Parish Council)