

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019.

Mid February. Nomination packs will be available to download from the dorsetforyou website. There is no longer a requirement for candidates to have their home addresses published on the formal notices or ballot papers and there is now a specific home address form which is part of the nomination papers. The nomination papers which can currently be downloaded from the Electoral Commission's website reflect this change.

Friday 15 March 2019. Notice of Election for parish/town councils published by WDDC.

Monday 18 March to 4 pm Wednesday 3 April. Completed nomination papers can be submitted to the WDDC Returning Officer. These must be delivered by hand and cannot be accepted if they arrive in the post. WDDC will be operating an appointments system to receive nomination papers. The core elections activity will be situated at South Walks House in Dorchester and appointments will be available there on all working days during the nominations period.

The nomination papers need to be signed by a proposer and seconder, for whom the home address and elector numbers are required. The Clerk will provide elector numbers if required.

Thursday 4 April. The statement of persons nominated (or notice of uncontested elections, where relevant) is published.

Wednesday 24 April. The Notice of Poll is published by WDDC.

Thursday 2 May. Polling will take place between 7am and 10pm.

Saturday 4 May. The count for all contested town and parish will take place at Redlands Community Sports Hub in Weymouth. WDDC intend is to publish the results for the various councils and wards in real time on the dorsetforyou website.

N.B. Any councillors elected in May 2019 will serve a five-year term of office. The next scheduled elections will be held in 2024 and the term of office will again be five years. With effect from 2029, the term of office will revert to four years.