



Guide to Parish Polls

What is a Parish Poll?

A Poll is something which is requested by the parishioners of an electoral area to gain the view of the electors on a particular issue or an appointment to office.

Who can ask for a Poll?

Either ten electors or one third of electors present and voting at a parish meeting.

How will I know when a Poll is being held?

A notice will be displayed in the parish area not less than five days before the day of the Poll.

Will I receive a poll card?

No. there is no provision in the regulations for the issue of poll cards.

What hours are the polling stations open for voting?

The polls are open from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm only.

If I am away on the day of the poll, can I have a postal or proxy vote?

No. There is no provision in the regulations for the issue of postal votes or the appointment of proxies. All electors wishing to vote must attend the polling station to vote in person.

How will I know what I am being asked to vote on?

You will be given a ballot paper which will have a question printed on it. You will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" by placing a cross (**X**) in the box underneath the answer you want to give.

What happens after a Poll?

The Poll is only to gain an opinion. The result is by no means legally binding on the Parish or Town Council.