

Notice: Information Regarding the Requested Parish Poll



Subject: Parish Poll following the Parish Meeting on 6 May 2026

To: The Residents and Electors of Stisted

Following the demand for a Parish Poll regarding whether or not you have confidence in the Stisted Parish Council.

Surname of Proposer	Other Names in Full	Home Address
Prowse	Lee	Kestrels, 66 Rectory Road, Stisted, Essex, CM77 8AL
Smith	Graham	55 Sarcel, Stisted, Essex, CM77 8AU

Stisted Parish Council wishes to provide all electors with clear information regarding the statutory procedure and the associated costs to the local community.

1. Financial Impact on the Parish

Under Section 150(2) and (7) of the Local Government Act 1972, the full cost of conducting a parish poll must be met by the Parish Council.

- **Estimated Cost:** The cost for this Poll will be approximately £1500
- **Funding:** This expenditure is not part of our standard annual budget. It must be funded from Stisted Parish Council's limited reserves or, if necessary, by an increase in the **Parish Precept** (your local portion of Council Tax) in the coming year 2027/2028

2. Legal Status of the Poll

Residents should be aware that, unlike a general or local council election, the result of a Parish Poll is **not legally binding**.

3. Voting Arrangements (Statutory Requirements)

- **Date:** The Poll will take place on **Wednesday 10 June 2026** as set by the Elections Officer
- **Time:** The Polling Station, Stisted Village Hall, Rectory Road, will be open for a limited window from **4:00 PM to 9:00 PM**.
- **Method:** Voting must be undertaken **in person** at the Polling Station. There is no provision in law for postal or proxy voting for Parish Polls.
- **Poll Cards:** No poll cards will be sent to your home; this notice and the official Braintree District Council Notice of Poll serves as the formal notification.
<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/directory-record/1065203/notice-of-parish-poll-june-2026--stisted>

Stisted Parish Council remains committed to representing the interests of the community while ensuring the responsible management of public funds.

Signed,

Councillor Alan Routledge

Chair: Stisted Parish Council.