

Napton on the Hill Parish Council



Co-option Supporting Information

Being a Parish Councillor is an opportunity to be involved in local decision making and to help ensure the vibrance and sustainability of your community. There are no educational qualifications needed to become a parish councillor, however in order to stand you must fulfil the following:

You must be:

- 18 years of age or over at the date of nomination;
- A Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community; and
- A local government elector within the parish; or
- Have worked in the parish for the last 12 months; or
- Have lived in the parish, or within 3 miles of it, for the last 12 months; or
- Owned land/property in the parish area for the last 12 months.

You cannot stand if you hold a paid office or any other position of profit with this Parish Council or if you are disqualified from being elected by reason of any disqualification set out below.

You cannot stand if you have been:

1. Surcharged by the District Auditor for £500 or more.
2. Disqualified by a court from holding public office.
3. Declared bankrupt at some point.
4. Convicted of an offence where the sentence of imprisonment was more than 3 months (even if sentence suspended)
5. Found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under Election Laws.

It is desirable for applicants to have an interest in and understanding of local affairs and the local community, a willingness to represent the Council and its residents and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. Applicants should be willing and able to work with the parish council's partners such as local charities and voluntary groups, other parish councils and principal authorities as well as with fellow Councillors.

Parish Council Members should adhere to Stratford District Council's Code of Conduct, a copy of which is provided with this application form.

If your application to be co-opted is successful you will be required to complete the Members' Register of Interests. The completed forms are held by the Monitoring Officer at Stratford District Council and are published on both councils' websites. A blank copy is provided with this application form.

You will be requested to attend monthly meetings of the Council (12 pa) plus occasional, ad hoc meetings as necessary.

Training is available on a wide range of issues.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk Jayne Warman on 01926 815081 clerk@naptonpc.org.uk

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Application for co-option



Please complete this form and return to clerk **with a covering letter detailing why you are interested in becoming a Councillor and how your experience and skills will be of benefit to the Council.**

NAME : (Mr / Mrs / Other)

ADDRESS:.....

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e-mail address:.....

telephone: landline..... / mobile.....

Qualifications (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s79):

You must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

please tick as many as apply to you.

1. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
2. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
3. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
4. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Disqualifications

Please review the disqualifications listed in the Supporting Information.

Actively submitting this form means that you meet the above qualifications and, having read the list of disqualifications, you confirm you are suitably qualified to hold office as a parish councillor.

Signed Date.....

Please tick here to confirm you have read the supporting information