

## **Application Pack for Prospective Councillors**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the role of Parish Councillor at Stanton under Bardon Parish Council.

Whilst there are no specific qualifications needed to become a Parish Councillor, as the Parish Council is a statutory body you must be able to fulfil the following to be eligible to stand.

## You must be:

- 18 years or age of over at the date of application;
- 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:

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

It is desirable for members to have an interest in and understanding of local affairs and the local community, with a willingness to represent the Council and its residents and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. Members 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 members.

The Parish Council's Members' Code of Conduct relates to the standards required of members of the Council and includes an outline of the Ten General Principles of Public Life which you must abide by. You can view the Code of Conduct at <a href="https://www.stantonunderbardonpc.org.uk/documents">https://www.stantonunderbardonpc.org.uk/documents</a>. If your application to be co-opted is successful then you will be required to complete the Members' Register of Interests. This form is held by the Monitoring Officer at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and is published on the Borough and Parish Council's websites to show all interests that you will need to declare at Council meetings where appropriate.

Being a Parish Councillor is an exciting and fulfilling role. A range of different training courses are available to new Councillors designed to help you develop your role and involvement further. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.



## APPLICATION FORM TO JOIN STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL THROUGH CO-OPTION

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As outlined in the Local Government Act 1972 section 79, to qualify as Parish Councillor you must be:

- At least 18 years old
- Be a British citizen, and 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 that apply to you)

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

DISQUALIFICATIONS					
Please review the disqualifications listed in the Supporting Information attached to this application pack. Actively submitting this form means that you meet the above qualifications and, having read the list of disqualifications, you confirm that you are suitably qualified to hold office as a Parish Councillor.					
I confirm that, having read the list of the disqualifications outlined in the Supporting Information, I am suitably qualified to hold office as a Parish Councillor					

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Please provide some brief background details as to why you wish to become a Parish Councillor and what skills and experience you would be able to bring to the role.

As a senior manager I currently work and manage a large sales team and budget, so I am used to complex decision making.

I started a free planting and craft session at my local market to help the community and encourage footfall within the area. This was a huge success and I handed the model over to the market team over a year ago. The market team continue the same model today with increased success. I still play an active role, and help as and when needed.

I'm a positive can do person and a confident communicator.

As well as working full time I run a small successful jewellery market stall and help my son with his ice cream parlour business, which has been open just over a year and is going from strength to strength. I am very social media platform savvy and understand how to use these mediums to get the best from them according to the audience.

By signing this form, you agree that:

- 1. You have read and understood the information within the Supporting Information document attached to this pack
- 2. If you are elected as a Parish Councillor, you will sign the Declaration of Office form, as well as your Register of Interests form within 28 days of being co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- 3. Understand that failure to attend Parish Council meetings for a continuous period of six months will result in your disqualification.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01530 243987 or email subparishclerk@gmail.comwho will be happy to provide further information and support.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor for Stanton under Barden Parish Council.