

Barnt Green Parish Council

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Co-option Supporting Information

There are no educational qualifications needed to become a parish councillor, however as the Parish Council is a statutory body, to stand validly nominated you must fulfil the following:

You must be:

- At least 18 years old;
- A British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other Member State of the European Union;

and meet at least one of the following 4 qualifications:

- Be registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- 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 nomination; or
- Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of nomination has been in the parish area; or
- You have lived in the parish, or within 3 miles of it, during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination.

You cannot stand if you are disqualified from being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 79 of the Local Government Act 2000, and as shown on application form below.

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, provided with this application form, relates to the standards required of members of the Council and includes an outline of the Ten General Principles of Public Life.

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 Bromsgrove District Council and are published on both councils' websites. A blank copy is provided with this application form.

As a councillor you will be expected to attend all scheduled meetings; Barnt Green Parish Council meets 10 times per year and committees meet as scheduled, reporting to the full council. Basic councillor training will be available.

More information about the parish council can be found online at www.barntgreenparishcouncil.gov.uk

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Officer.

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APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Please complete this form and return to the office (address above) **with a covering letter detailing how your experience and skills will be of benefit to the Parish Council.**

You are deemed to have read and understood the attached
"Co-option Supporting Information".

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):

- Will you be at least 18 years old on the date of co-option? Please tick if YES
- Are you a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other Member State of the European Union? Please tick if YES

In addition, you must be able to comply with at least one of the following four statements: please tick as many as apply to you.

1. My name is on the current electoral register for the parish. (The EO can verify this)
2. I have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises within the parish for at least the last 12 months.
3. My main or only place of work has been in the parish for at least the last 12 months.
4. I have lived in the parish or within 3miles/4.8kms of the parish boundary (as the crow flies) for at least the last 12 months.

Disqualifications (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s80).

Please tick any of the following six statements if they apply to you, otherwise delete:

1. I hold a paid office or any other position of profit with Barnt Green Parish Council
2. I have been surcharged by the District Auditor for £500 or more.
3. I have been disqualified by a court from holding public office.
4. I have been declared bankrupt at some point in my life.
5. I have been convicted of an offence where the sentence of imprisonment was more than 3 months (even if sentence suspended)
6. I have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under Election Laws.

Signed

Date.....