

Application to become a Councillor – eligibility for co-option

A person is eligible to be co-opted provided they are qualified to be a councillor pursuant to s.79 of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”) and are not disqualified pursuant to s.80 of the Act.

Criteria for eligibility as set out in s.79 of the Act

- Is at least 18 years old
- Is a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and meets at least one of the following four qualifications:
 1. Is and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the Parish.
 2. Has occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Parish for at least the last 12 months.
 3. The main or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the Parish.
 4. Has lived in the Parish or within three miles of it for at least 12 months.

Disqualifications as set out in s.80 of the Act

- Is employed or holds a paid office by the Parish Council.
- Is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- Has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before nomination.
- Have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations). The disqualification for an illegal practice begins from the date the person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for three years. The disqualification for a corrupt practice begins from the date a person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for five years.

***I declare that I am eligible for co-option to become a councillor for The Common Parish of Sutton & Barlavington
I meet the criteria for eligibility and are not disqualified as set out above.***

Signed:

Full name:

Date: