

## Parish Councillor Co-option Eligibility Form

In order to be eligible for co-option as a Parish Councillor you must be either

- a British citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a qualifying European Union citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election)
- 18 years of age or over;
- able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below. Please tick which applies to you:

- a) ☐ I am registered as a local government elector for the Parish; or
- b) ☐ I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the Parish; or
- c) ☐ My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the Parish; or
- d) ☐ I have during the whole of the twelve months resided in West Winch Parish or within 3 miles of it

**Please note that the Elections Act 2022 has updated the disqualifications from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she/they:**

- a) Holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the council is represented; or
- b) Is the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- c) Is the subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed
- d) 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 polling day and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed
- e) Has been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices)
- f) Has been convicted of an intimidatory criminal offence motivated by hostility towards a candidate, future candidate or campaigner or holder of a relevant elective office
- g) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

**The Electoral Commission provides further guidance on eligibility and disqualification for candidates at Parish Council elections - [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)**

**DECLARATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of West Winch Parish Councillor and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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