

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor at Fernwood. Please provide the below information to assist in the council making their decision.

Full Name and Title	
Home Address	
Home Telephone	
Mobile Telephone	
Email Address	

About You:

Please provide the council with some background information about yourself:

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Reasons for applying:

Please provide the council with your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor.

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Signature	
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Please return your completed application to the Clerk to the Parish Council by hand, post or via email: clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk. Your application will be considered at the next available Parish Council meeting, where a vote will be held to decide your co-option to Fernwood Parish Council.

Data Protection Act (2018): The information provided on the application form will remain private and confidential.

1. **In order to be eligible for co-option as a Fernwood Parish Councillor, you must be a British Subject, or an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union and on the date of the poll or election, 18 years of age or over; and be able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below:
Please tick which one 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 principle or only place of work during those twelve months have been in the parish; or

d) I have during the whole of the twelve months resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

2. **Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of Local Council if he/she:**

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 a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or

c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or

d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

I. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;

II. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;

III. If the person is discharged without such a certificate

In i and ii above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively.

In iii, it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

DECLARATION

I.....herby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Fernwood Parish Councillor; and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature.....

Date.....

CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR PERSON SPECIFICATION

COMPETENCY	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community • Forward thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council
Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to listen constructively • A good team player • Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects and a solid interest in local matters • Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community • Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see other views and accept majority decisions • Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly • Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and maintain good working relationships with all members and staff • Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners (e.g. voluntary groups, other Parish Councils, principle authority, charities) • Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body • Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups • Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and parish Councils or local authorities • Experience of delivering presentations
Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the Council (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) at any time and events in the evening and at weekends. 	