**Etton Parish Council**

**Thank you very much for showing interest in the vacancy on Etton Parish Council. This document says a bit about the role of a Parish Councillor, and has a short application that needs to be submitted to the Clerk by 18:00 on the 6 September 2023.**

**What do councillors do?**

Local councillors are the champions of their community. They invest time in local projects and issues that benefit residents. As a Councillor representing your community, you will help to keep it a great place to live and work. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives. A councillor’s role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and talking to the community about their needs and what the council is doing.

**How could I contribute?**

Local councils can only be as helpful, connected and energetic as the people involved, so we need councillors capable, enthusiastic and engaged to reflect their communities. Everyone is different and can bring different skills, experience, and perspectives. A good knowledge of the local area and its issues is helpful, and it is really important to be willing to take the initiative, get involved, talk to residents and have the time available to commit to the role. There would be lots of support and training available to you if want it.

**What is the level of commitment?**

On average about three to four hours a month. Council work often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents, and occasionally running events and activities. The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of every other month.

**Can anyone be a Councillor?**

Councillors are elected to represent the local community, so you must either live or work in (or very near) the council area. The full eligibility list is on application form.

**APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION**

**TO ETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Please complete this application form and email back to** **ettonpc@outlook.com** **by 18:00 on 6 September 2023.**

To be able to stand as a candidate for co-option for a Parish Council you must:

* be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination
* be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
* meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
1. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand
2. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your application.
3. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your application has been in the parish/community area.
4. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your application.
* You are not subject to any of the particular bankruptcy disqualifications listed below:
	+ you are currently subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or debt relief restrictions order made by a court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, or
	+ your estate has been sequestrated by a court in Scotland and you have not been discharged

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| Your name (as it appears on the Electoral Roll) |  |
| Your Address: |  |
| Electoral Roll number: (please tick the box if you do not know your Electoral Roll number) |  |
| If you are not the Etton Electoral Roll, please explain which of the following eligibility criteria you meet: |
| A) Principal area of work is in the parish(give details): |  |
| B) Have resided in the parish for the whole of the preceding twelve months(provide details): |  |
| C) Have resided within three miles of the parish for the whole of the preceding twelve months (provide address of residence): |  |
| In a few sentences / paragraphs, please explain why you would like to be a Parish Councillor, and how you could contribute to Etton Parish Council. |  |
| Please confirm that you are able to commit a few hours every month to Parish Council activities. |  |

**Declaration**

I confirm that I wish to be considered for co-option to the above named council and declare that the information given by me above is true.

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

(This document can be signed at a later date if you don’t have an electronic signature)

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