

Sapperton Parish Councillor – Co-Option Application Process

The ideal candidate will have a keen interest in local matters, be available to attend regular evening meetings (normally once a month with the exception of August) and be willing to actively participate in the work of the Parish Council. Good communication skills and some understanding of the workings of local government would be of benefit, however enthusiasm and commitment are more important than experience.

Who can be a Parish Councillor?

Anyone can be elected as a councillor* if they are:

- A British, Commonwealth, Irish, or European Union citizen
- At least 18 years old
- Either on the list of electors for the parish, or

during the whole of the previous twelve months has:

- Occupied land in the parish as an owner or tenant
- Had a principal place of work in the parish
- Resided in, or within three miles, of the parish

**Please be aware a person is however disqualified from being a Councillor if they:*

a) hold any paid employment or office in the local authority that they seek election to or

b) are the subject of a 'bankruptcy restrictions order' or other interim order or

c) have, within five years before the day of election or since their election, been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine or

d) has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification.

To Apply

Please send an email to the Parish Clerk at SappertonFMPC@gmail.com. Your email should be entitled 'Application for Co-Option as Councillor for Sapperton Parish Council' and contain your name, address, contact details and the reasons you wish to be considered including any skills and experience you can bring to the role.

On receipt of the application we will arrange an informal interview with the Chair of Council and at least one other Councillor to give an opportunity to discuss the role of Councillor. The Chair will take the application to the next Council meeting where a decision will be made.

We hope to hear from interested residents as soon as possible, so that the Parish Council can quickly return to its full capacity of seven members.

Thank you

Babs Maloney

Parish Clerk, Sapperton Parish Council

