

## **COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete the form clearly in black ink. Continue on another sheet of paper if necessary.

Name:	
Address including postcode:	
Telephone number	
Email address	
I am a member of a political party Y / N    Name of political party:	
Please explain why you wish to become a councillor.	
What particular skills and/or experience, including professional qualifications and training, can you bring to this role?	
Please describe any specific village interests you may have, such as the environment, young people, open spaces etc.	

**Cont'd overleaf:**

## **QUALIFICATIONS\* FOR ELECTION AND HOLDING OFFICE AS A COUNCILLOR**

### **You have to be:**

- i. a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- ii. on the “relevant date” (i.e. the day on which you apply or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally:
- iii. on the “relevant day” a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- iv. have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- v. have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- vi. during that 12 month period resided in the Southminster Parish Council area or if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the “relevant day”.

(Please note for the purpose of this co-option the “relevant date” or date of election is the date when this application form is signed.)

### **You cannot apply for co-option if you:**

- i. are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- ii. have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- iii. work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

## **Formal declaration of eligibility to hold office as a councillor**

I have read and understood the qualifications for election and holding office as a councillor and the disqualifications from holding office as a councillor. I confirm that I meet the criteria for eligibility, set out in s79 of the Local Government Act 1972, to be a member of the council and am not disqualified, pursuant to s80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Signed .....

Print full name .....

Date .....

### **\*Relevant legislation:**

*Section 79(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) as amended by section 18 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which came into force on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2007.*

*Please return to: Southminster Parish Council, The Parish Office, Queenborough Road, Southminster, Essex CM0 7AB or [clerk@southminsterparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@southminsterparishcouncil.com)*