

Application for Co-option

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor for Holcot, Northamptonshire. Before completing this form it is imperative that you read the **Co-option Eligibility** form to ensure you are able to apply.

Please provide the below information to assist the Council in making a decision.

Full Name & Title	
Home Address	
Home Tel No.	
Mobile Tel No.	
Email Address	

<p>About You Please provide some background information about yourself.</p>
<p>Strictly Private & Confidential</p>

Reasons for applying

Please provide reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor.

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Signature	
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Please return your completed application, including the completed eligibility form, to Ruby Cole, Clerk to Holcot Parish Council (clerk@holcot-pc.gov.uk)

All applications will be considered at the next suitable Parish Council meeting. Applicants will be informed of the date of the meeting and will be invited to introduce themselves to Members of the Council and interviewed for up to a maximum of 5 minutes per applicant. A vote will then be held to decide whether the Council agrees to co-opt one of the applicants onto Holcot Parish Council. If no suitable applicants are found, the position will be re-advertised.

Data Protection – by providing this information, you are agreeing to allow Members of Holcot Parish Council to see the information in order that an informed decision can be made. However, the information provided on this application will remain strictly private and confidential and will be destroyed as soon as a decision has been made.

Co-option Eligibility Form

1. In order to be eligible for co-option as a Holcot Parish Councillor, you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and on the 'relevant date' (ie the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll, the day of the election) 18 years of age or over and additionally 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 12 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 12 months, resided in the Parish or within 3 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 a 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 5 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 3 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 5 years from the date of discharge.

DECLARATION

I hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Holcot Parish Councillor, and the information given on this form is true and accurate.

Signature.....

Date.....