**APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL**

For the 2nd May 2019 Election there were only six nominations for the nine seats on the Council, therefore all six are automatically elected (without the need for a poll). The new Council comes into effect on 7th May and the six newly Elected Members will have to co-opt three further people to fill the vacant seats.

**To be considered for one of the seats:**

* **Part 1** – read and complete to confirm that you are eligible to be a Councillor *(if returning electronically, please leave the signature blank – see below)*

* **Part 2 –** complete the statement and profile; this is the information that will be considered by the Elected Members when deciding who to co-opt.
* **Deadline** - return your completed form on or before **Sunday 5th May 2019**

**You can complete and return this form electronically** (there is a hand-write version available) – leave the signature blank – and email the whole form to: [clerk@salehurst-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@salehurst-pc.org.uk) (We will print the form, for you to sign at the co-option meeting).

**Alternatively, you can print the form, sign it** and return the complete paper copy to: *The Parish Office, Youth Centre, George Hill, Robertsbridge. TN32 5AP*

**Please make sure your form arrives on or before Sunday 5th May 2019**

*The co-options will be considered at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on* ***Monday 20th May 2019 – candidates are expected to attend; successful candidates will take their seat immediately at the table*** *for the remainder of the meeting****.***

There will be a **New Council Briefing** on Wednesday, **8th May, 5pm at the Youth Centre,** lasting about an hour (1.5 max). **All co-option candidates will be invited to sit in** (the co-option process at the Meeting on 20th May will be explained).

If you need any further help or information, please do contact us at the Parish Office.

**Karen**

**Karen Ripley (Mrs)**

**Clerk to the Council**

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**PART 1 Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Qualifications to be a Councillor**

You can be co-opted to the Council if you meet the qualifications to be elected and to be a councillor, as follows: if you are a British citizen, qualifying Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (in the case of co-option, the day you sign this form) you are 18 or over. In addition, you must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

***Please tick all qualifications (a,b,c,d) that currently apply to you***

Only qualification (a) has to apply throughout the term of office; (b), (c) and (d) are at the time of signing (so could change in future without affecting eligibility).

(a) you *are* and *will continue to be* on the electoral register for the parish

(b) during the whole of the twelve months before signing you have *occupied* as *owner or tenant* land or premises in the parish

(c) during the whole of the twelve months before signing your principal or only place of work has been in the parish

(d) during the whole of the twelve months before signing you have resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

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**Certain people are disqualified from standing:**

* paid officers or employees of the council
* those subject of abankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
* those subject to sentences of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for three months or more, without the option of a fine, in the last five years
* those disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations)

**Please sign below to confirm that you:**

* **are eligible to be a Councillor and you are not disqualified**
* **consent to the information contained in Part 2 being published on the Parish Council website and made available to Members as part of the documents for the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 20th May 2019** (to be removed after the meeting and originals destroyed if I am not co-opted)

**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Telephone numbers:**

**Daytime:** Click here to enter text. **Evening:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date of completion:** Click here to enter text.

***Please now print and sign the form (if returning electronically, leave signature blank).***

**Signature: ...........................................................**

**PART 2 Name:** Click here to enter text.

**In order to help the Members consider your application to join the Council, Members need to know a little about you (remember that some or all may not know you). Please provide the following:**

* **Please write a short statement to tell us why you would like to join the Parish Council:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

* **Please write a brief profile of yourself**