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

**To be considered to fill a vacant seat on the Parish Council, please complete the form as follows:**

* **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 *before 5pm* on **Monday 13th January 2025**

**You can complete and return this form electronically** – leave the signature blank – and email the whole form to: clerk@salehurst-pc.org.uk (We will print the form, for you to sign at the co-option meeting).

**Alternatively, you can print the completed 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 *before 5pm on* Monday 13th January 2025**

*The co-option will be considered at the* ***Parish Council Meeting on******Monday 20th January 2025 – candidates are expected to attend; the successful candidate will take their seat immediately at the table*** *and participate in the remainder of the meeting, as a full Member of the Parish Council****.***

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

**Karen**

**Karen Ripley (Mrs)**

**Parish Clerk**

**01580 882066** **clerk@salehurst-pc.org.uk**[**www.salehurst-pc.org.uk**](http://www.salehurst-pc.org.uk)

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

**Qualifications to be a Councillor**

You can be co-opted to the Council if, on the day you sign the form, you are:

* aged 18 or over and
* you are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.

In addition, you **must** meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

*Please mark* ***all*** *qualifications**(a,b,c,d) that* ***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 of Salehurst & Robertsbridge

[ ]  (b) during the whole of the twelve months before co-option you have *occupied* as *owner or tenant* land or premises in the parish

[ ]  (c) during the whole of the twelve months before co-option your principal or only place of work has been in the parish

[ ]  (d) during the whole of the twelve months before co-option you have resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

**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)
* those subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003
* those with a conviction under the Localism Act 2011 *may* also be disqualified from standing for the Parish Council.
* those with a conviction for an intimidatory criminal offence motivated by hostility towards a candidate, future candidate or campaigner of a relevant elective office

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

* **are eligible** to be a Councillor and you are **not disqualified**
* **consent** tothe information contained in **Part 2 being published on the Parish Council website and made available to the public and Council Members** as part of the documents for the Parish Council Meeting on 20th January 2025(to be removed after the meeting and originals destroyed if I am not co-opted)

**Name:**

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

**Telephone numbers:**

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

**Email Address:**

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

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

 ***(if returning electronically, you can leave signature blank, to be signed at the Meeting).***

***Please now complete Part 2 on the next page***

**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:**

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

Click here to enter text.