

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

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, please complete the form as follows:**

- **Part 1** – read and complete to confirm that you are eligible to be a Councillor
- **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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**This is the hand-fill version of the Application Form** (there is also an electronic version). However, you can provide an alternative, type-written Part 2 if you wish, as long as you provide the statement and profile, named and attached to your handwritten Part one. Please return your completed form to:

*The Parish Office, Youth Centre, George Hill, Robertsbridge. TN32 5AP*

**Please make sure your form arrives on or before Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*The co-options will be considered at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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, **8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:** .....

**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 a bankruptcy 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (to be removed after the meeting and originals destroyed if I am not co-opted)

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Telephone numbers:**

**Daytime:**..... **Evening:**.....

**Email Address:**.....

**Date of completion:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**PART 2**

**Name:** .....

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:

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- Please write a brief profile of yourself