**Co-option Supporting Information**

There are no educational qualifications needed to become a parish councillor, however as the Parish Council is a statutory body, to stand validly nominated you must fulfil the following:

You must be:

* 18 years of age of over at the date of nomination;
* A Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community; and
* A local government elector within the parish; or
* Have worked in the parish for the last 12 months; or have lived in the parish, or within 3 miles of it, for the last 12 months; or
* Owned land/property in the parish area for the last 12 months.

You cannot stand if you are disqualified from being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 79 of the Local Government Act 2000.

It is desirable for members to have an interest in and understanding of local affairs and the local community, with a willingness to represent the Council and its residents and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. Members should be willing and able to work with the parish council’s partners such as local charities and voluntary groups, other parish councils and principal authorities as well as with fellow members.

The Parish Council’s Members’ Code of Conduct, provided with this application form, relates to the standards required of members of the Council and includes an outline of the Ten General Principles of Public Life.

If your application to be co-opted is successful you will be required to complete the Members’ Register of Interests. The completed forms are held by the Monitoring Officer at Bromsgrove District Council and are published on both councils’ websites. A blank copy is provided with this application form.

As a councillor you will be expected to attend all scheduled meetings; Barnt Green Parish Council meets 10 times per year and committees meet as scheduled, reporting to the full council. Basic councillor training will be available.

More information about the parish council can be found online at [www.barntgreen.org.uk](http://www.barntgreen.org.uk)

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Officer.

**APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Please complete this form and return to the office (address above) **with a** **covering letter detailing how your experience and skills will be of benefit to the Parish Council**.

You are deemed to have read and understood the attached

“Co-option Supporting Information”.

NAME : (Mr / Mrs / Other) ………………………………………………………………………………...

ADDRESS:………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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e-mail address:……………………………………………………………………………………………….

telephone: landline……………………………… / mobile…………….……………………………….

**Qualifications** (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s79):

You must be able to comply with at least one of the following four statements: please tick as many as apply to you.

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| 1. My name is on the current electoral register. (The Executive Officer can verify this)
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| 1. I have lived in the parish or within 3miles/4.8kms of the parish boundary (as the crow flies) for at least the last 12 months.
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| 1. My main place of business has been based in the parish for at least the last 12 months.
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| 1. I have owned or leased land or premises within the parish for at least the last 12 months.
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| Will you be at least 18 years old on the date of co-option? | Yes / No |
| **Disqualifications** (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s80). Please tick any of the following six statements if they apply to you, otherwise delete: |
| 1. I hold a paid office or any other position of profit with Barnt Green Parish Council
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| 1. I have been surcharged by the District Auditor for £500 or more.
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| 1. I have been disqualified by a court from holding public office.
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| 1. I have been declared bankrupt at some point in my life.
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| 1. I have been convicted of an offence where the sentence of imprisonment was more than 3 months (even if sentence suspended)
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| 1. I have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under Election Laws.
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| Signed ………………………………………………….…… Date………………………………………… |