



Copythorne Parish Council

Application form for prospective Councillors

Please consult the attached *Electoral Commission - Parish and community council elections in England and Wales* to check you are eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor.

If you have any questions please contact the Parish Clerk. Mrs Susan Brayley on 01590-681228 or by email to parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk

Name

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Address

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Email

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Telephone

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I confirm I am

- at least 18 years old
- a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and

and meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- I am, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
- I have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
- My main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
- I have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

I further confirm that I am not disqualified from standing. You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on polling day:

- You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees).
- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.

- You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.
- You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations). The disqualification for an illegal practice begins from the date the person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for three years. The disqualification for a corrupt practice begins from the date a person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for five years.

A person may also be disqualified from election if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority following a decision of the First-tier Tribunal (formerly the Adjudication Panel for England) or the Adjudication Panel for Wales. The full range of disqualification is complex, and it is your responsibility to do everything you can to check you are not disqualified before submitting your nomination paper.

Further information is available from ***The Electoral Commission Guidance for Parish and Community Elections*** or the NFDC Returning Officer.

I confirm I have read the *Electoral Commission Guidance for Parish and Community Elections* and that I meet the am eligibility criteria and am not disqualified from standing as a Parish Councillor.

Signature

Date

Please provide a brief personal description below including:-

- **What skills you could bring to this role.**
- **Any area of expertise that you think could benefit the Parish Council.**

Please feel free to use an additional sheet of A4 if required.