

**WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL
APPLICATION FORM FOR THE POSITION OF
CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR**

Before completing this form, please read and sign the accompanying eligibility criteria.

Name:

Address for correspondence:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Q1 Please introduce yourself and say why you would like to be a Councillor.

You might want to include

- *How long you have lived in the Parish*
- *Membership and involvement with any community associations, voluntary work etc within the Parish or elsewhere*
- *Interests or concerns relating to the Parish*

Continue on a separate page if necessary

Q2 Please detail any specific skills or experience you have that may be helpful to West Hill Parish Council. These may be from your working life or gained from other activities you are involved with.

Continue on a separate page if necessary

Q3 Is there any other information you would like to disclose regarding your application?

Continue on a separate page if necessary

Signed:

Dated:

All information you provide will be copied to West Hill Parish Councillors only and will be treated in strictest confidence. The information will NOT be made available to members of the public and will be destroyed/deleted at the end of the co-option process.

Please return this form by **5pm on Friday 15th June** to:
Mrs Alison Carr, Clerk to the Parish Council, Manana, Higher Broad Oak Road, West Hill,
Ottery St Mary EX11 1XD or email to clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE POSITION OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election in England, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - You are, 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.
 - You 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.
 - Your 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.
 - You 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.

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish or community council in England and Wales. 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.

For more information on the above criteria, go to

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/141798/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-P-and-C.pdf

I (name) _____ hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of West Hill Parish Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Dated: