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

For the 2nd 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 7th 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:**

* **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 on or before **Sunday 5th May 2019**

**You can complete and return this form electronically** (there is a hand-write version available) – 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 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 on or before Sunday 5th May 2019**

*The co-options will be considered at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on* ***Monday 20th 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, **8th 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 20th 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**

**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 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 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)

**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 20th May 2019** (to be removed after the meeting and originals destroyed if I am not co-opted)

**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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

**Telephone numbers:**

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

**Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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

***Please now print and sign the form (if returning electronically, leave signature blank).***

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

**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:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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