**STREET PARISH COUNCIL**

Co-option Application Form

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| Full name |  |
| Home address        Postcode |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Mobile telephone number |  |
| Email |  |

PLEASE ANSWER THE YES/NO QUESTIONS CAREFULLY AS THEY SET OUT THE LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

QUALIFICATIONS

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| Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of a European Union country? | Yes/No |
| Are you 18 or over? | Yes/No |

You only need one of the following four qualifications but please say **Yes** to all that apply)

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| Are you on the electoral register for the parish? | Yes/No |
| Have you lived either in the parish, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year? | Yes/No |
| Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the parish for at least a year? | Yes/No |
| Have you had your only or main place of work in the parish for at least a year? | Yes/No |

DISQUALIFICATIONS

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| Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order? | Yes/No |
| Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of  imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine? | Yes/No |
| Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority? | Yes/No |

**WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL SKILLS AUDIT**

Please tick the boxes below relevant to your knowledge

# 1 Specific to Parish Council

Knowledge of Street Parish Council’s work in general

Knowledge of Street Parish Council’s work specifically

Knowledge of the local authority – Somerset Council

Knowledge of the local statutory agencies involved with Street Parish Council

Knowledge of national policy concerning local government

# General to Parish Council

Knowledge of the local area in general

Knowledge of current good practice for charities

Experience of other voluntary organisations (as committee)

Experience of other voluntary organisations (as staff or volunteer)

Campaigning

Partnership Working

Community Development

# Management/Organisation

General Management

Financial Management

Project Management

Monitoring and Evaluation

Planning

Policy Making

Environmental

# Professional

Law

Accounting

IT

HR

Marketing/PR

Training/Development   
Other please indicate:

# Committee

Chairing

Consensus building

Energy and Enthusiasm

Strategic thinking

Governance

Processes

Do you have anything you wish to contribute to the Parish Council not mentioned above either in terms of experience, knowledge, or skills?

Please tell us your reasons for wishing to become a Parish Councillor?

Although you may or may not have experience as a Parish Councillor what is your perception of the role of a Street Parish Council?

When is your preferred time for attending meetings Day/evening/either

(Unfortunately, under present legislation the Parish Council is not permitted to contribute to the cost of councillors’ childcare or care of dependants.)

Are there any factors, other than exceptional circumstances, which might prevent you from regularly attending the ordinary monthly Parish Council Meetings?

Are there any local issues that you are particularly interested in that you believe could be of benefit to the community?

What are your hobbies/interests?

Are there any community groups involved with?

Do you have any social or political memberships with which you are affiliated?

Lastly are there any questions you would like to ask us?

As a Councillor representing your community you will help keep it a wonderful place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. Ideally, you should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

Signed…………………………………. Date…../……/20……

Please return to the Parish Clerk

Jenny Service

Clerk to Street Parish Council

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Street,

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