

Meopham Parish Council

St Johns Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0AA - Tel: 01474 813779

Email: enquiries@meopham-pc.gov.uk

Website: www.meopham-pc.gov.uk



Application for co-option

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Meopham Parish Councillor. Please provide the below information to assist the Council in making their decision.

Full Name:	
Home Address:	
Email:	
Preferred Contact number:	

About you:

Please provide the Council with some background information about yourself.

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Reasons for applying:

Please provide the Council with your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor.

Signature:

Please return this completed application to the Clerk at Meopham Parish Council either by emailing a scanned copy to enquiries@meopham-pc.gov.uk Posting or handing a copy addressed to the Clerk at Meopham Parish Council, St Johns Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0AA. You are welcome to include a CV with your application if you wish, however this is not mandatory and will not impact your application if you choose not to.

Data Protection Act (2018): The information provided on this application form will remain private and confidential. A redacted version will be made available to the Parish Councillors on the Personnel Committee.

For further information please see the below documents:

Meopham Parish Website:

Code of Conduct

Co-option Person Specification

Upon request (email enquiries@meopham-pc.gov.uk):

Good Councillors Guide

The latest Councillor training session slides

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Eligibility Form

1. To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications (**Please tick the Qualification that applies to you**):
 - ☐ You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish 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 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 area.
 - ☐ You have lived in the parish 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.

2. Not be disqualified from being elected under section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 as listed below:

- Hold any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with their creditors (but see below); or
- Has within five years before the day of election, or since their election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification of bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

- I. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not have been adjudged bankrupt or that their debts have been full discharged;
- II. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on their part;
- III. If a person is discharged without such a certificate.

In I. and II. above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively.

In III. It ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

Declaration

I Hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Meopham Parish Councillor; and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature:

I Hereby confirm that I have read and understood Meopham Parish Councils Code of Conduct and will adhere to these at all times. I understand that should I not comply with or breach the Code of Conduct, then the Monitoring Officer at Gravesham Borough Council will be advised, who will then deal with the matter.

Signature: