



CASUAL VACANCY APPLICATION FORM

Full Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone numbers -

Home: **Mobile:**

Email:

Legal qualifications for being a Councillor

To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the following questions:

Are you a British or Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country? Yes / No

Are you 18 years of age or over? Yes / No

To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the following questions:

Are you on the electoral register for the Parish of North Petherton? Yes / No

Have you lived in the Parish of North Petherton or within 3 miles of its boundary, for at least a year? Yes / No

Have you been the owner or tenant of land or other premises in the Parish of North Petherton for at least a year? Yes / No

Have you had your principal or only place of work in the Parish of North Petherton for at least a year? Yes / No

DISQUALIFICATIONS

You must be able to answer 'No' to all the following questions to be eligible to serve as a Councillor:

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restriction 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 three months or more without option of a fine? Yes / No

Disqualification from being elected a member is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972

Please briefly outline why you are interested in being a Town Councillor (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) :

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience, local government experience (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) :

Please tell us about the skills you feel you would bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Are you prepared to undertake Councillor training within Somerset?

Yes / No

Please note that most Council meetings are held in the evening and, unfortunately, under present legislation, a) Councillors are not permitted to attend and vote at meetings by telephone or video technology and B) the Town Council is not permitted to contribute to the cost of Councillors' childcare or care of dependents whilst they attend meetings.

Declaration and Consent

I declare that I am eligible to become a Town Councillor and I certify that the contents of this application form are true and correct.

I consent to my details being retained if I am co-opted as a Councillor.

I consent to having a separate Town Council email address and to receiving Town Council documentation via electronic means (email).

I consent to my name, address and telephone number being published together with my Town Council email address.

Signed **Date**

Please return the completed form to:

Joy Norris (Town Clerk)

By email to: joy.norris@northpethertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Or by post to:

North Petherton Town Council

The Town Council Office

The Small Hall

Fore Street

North Petherton

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