**Bearley Parish Council – Application form for co-option to the Parish Council**

Please complete this form to be considered as a candidate for membership of the parish council then return by email to: **Clerk to the Council** bearleypc@outlook.com

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| Name: |
| Home telephone: |
| Mobile telephone: |
| Address: |
| Email address: |

**Qualifications** (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s79):

You must be able to answer “YES” to at least one of the following four questions; please indicate which apply to you.

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| 1. Are you registered as a Local Government Elector for the area of **BEARLEY** Parish Council? | YES / NO |
| 1. During the whole of the last 12 months have you resided in the Civil Parish of **BEARLEY**, or within 3 miles (4.8 kilometres) of it? | YES / NO |
| 1. During the whole of the last 12 months have you occupied as owner or tenant land or premises in the Civil Parish of **BEARLEY**? | YES / NO |
| 1. During the whole of the last 12 months has your main place of work been within the Civil Parish of **BEARLEY**? | YES / NO |

**Disqualifications** (as provided in the Local Government Act 1972, s80)**:**

If you answer “YES” to any of the following six questions then it is likely that it will not be possible to co-opt you to the Parish Council.  **All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

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| 1. Do you now hold, or have you in the last 12 months held, any paid office or any other position of profit with this Council? | YES / NO |
| 1. Have you ever been surcharged by the District Auditor for £500 or more? | YES / NO |
| 1. Have you ever been disqualified by a Court from holding Public Office? | YES / NO |
| 1. Have you ever been declared bankrupt? | YES / NO |
| 1. Have you ever been convicted of any offence where the sentence of imprisonment was more than 3 months (even if sentence suspended)? | YES / NO |
| 1. Have you ever been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under Election Laws? | YES / NO |

**Other.** Please also confirm that you are:

A British citizen or citizen of the commonwealth and aged 18 years or older at the time of your application.   
YES/NO

I confirm that I meet the required criteria to become a Parish Councillor

**Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………………… Date…………………….**

**Print Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………**   
  
  
Please detail below why you consider you would be the best candidate for this vacancy.

Points to cover should include the following:

• Length of residence in the Parish if appropriate

• Membership and involvement with any community associations within the Parish or elsewhere

• Particular interests and concerns relating to the Parish

• Do you have any professional or work-related experience which could be utilised for the benefit of the Parish?

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If you wish to provide additional written information in support of your application this, along with the attached, will be copied to all Councillors.

**Co-option Supporting Information**

There are no formal qualifications needed to become a Councillor. However, as the Parish Council is a statutory body, to stand validly nominated you must fulfil the following:

You must be:

* 18 years of age or over at the date of nomination;
* a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community and
* a local government elector within the parish; or
* have worked in the parish for the last 12 months; or
* have lived in the parish, or within three miles of it, for the last 12 months; or
* owned land/property in the parish area for the last 12 months.

You cannot stand if:

* You are disqualified from being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 79 of the Local Government Act 2000.

It is desirable for members to have an interest in and understanding of local affairs and the local community, with a willingness to represent the Council and its residents and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. Members should be willing and able to work with the parish council’s partners such as local charities and voluntary groups, other parish councils and principal authorities as well as with fellow members.

The Parish Council’s [Members’ Code of Conduct](https://bearley.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Code-of-Conduct-2022.pdf), relates to the standards required of members of the Council and includes an outline of the Ten General Principles of Public Life.

If your application to be co-opted is successful you will be required to complete the Members’ Register of Interests. The completed forms are held by the Monitoring Officer at **Stratford-on-Avon District Council** and published on their website with a link to the parish council’s website. A blank copy is provided with this application form.

As a councillor you will be expected to attend all scheduled meetings; **Bearley** **Parish Council** meets **6** times per year, on the **third Monday evening of each month.** The various committees will meet at other times and report to the full council meetings. Basic councillor training will be available.

More information about the parish council can be found on the website at: www.bearley.org

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Council, on **07713 280431 or bearleypc@outlook.com**