

FRETtenham PARISH COUNCIL



Application for Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Please complete this application form to assist the Council in making their decision as to whether to co-opt a candidate.

Full Name and Title	Mrs Linda Highfield
Home Address	
Contact Telephone	
Email address	

Personal Statement:

Please provide the Council with some background information about yourself and any skills and experience you feel might be relevant.

I have been living in the village since 1999 and worked at local primary schools as a teacher until retiring in 2014. I have an allotment in the village, enjoy growing my own fruit and vegetables and attending the Frettenham and Hainford Gardening club. Wildlife and the environment are of great interest to me and to that end I volunteer with the BVCG each week on various conservation tasks in the Bure Valley area. I attend yoga classes at Coltishall and enjoy film nights at Frettenham village hall.

Reasons for Applying:

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

I like to take an interest in the progress of the village and hope I can contribute in some way.

Signature	
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Your application also requires signatures of two registered electors (know as proposer and seconder) from the parish area:

	Proposer	Seconder
Name		
Address		
Signature		

Please return your completed application to the Clerk of the Parish Council. Your application will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting, where a vote will be held to decide your co-option to Frettenham Parish Council.

Data Protection Act (2018): The information provided on the application form will remain private and confidential.

1. In order to be eligible for co-option as a Parish Councillor, you must be a British Subject, or a citizen of the commonwealth; and on the date of the poll or election, 18 years of age or over; and be able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below:

*Please tick which one applies to you:

- a) I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; or ☐
- b) I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or ☒
- c) My principle or only place of work during those twelve months have been in the parish; or ☐
- d) I have during the whole of the twelve months resided in the parish or within three miles of it. ☐

2. Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of Local Council if he/she:

- a) Holds 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
- b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
- c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her 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
- d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

- i. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
- ii. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;
- iii. If the 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 Frettenham Parish Councillor; and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date