



APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO COUNCILLOR VACANCY AT SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

The full council meet once a month in the evening, as do the Amenities and Environment and the Finance Committees. The Planning Committee meets fortnightly at midday and the Centre Committee meets every other month, again at lunchtime. Most council and committee meetings last about two hours depending on what needs to be discussed. Planning is usually lasts about 45 minutes as they meet more frequently. Councillors are required to sit on one or two committees and all councillors are required to attend Full Council meetings

A parish council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is a local authority in its own right that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its "parish", In Sompting, it has a District/Borough and County authority hierarchy that sits above it.

Councillors are sometimes elected but can also be appointed to serve on the council by co-option. All Sompting Parish councillors are unpaid for their time.

Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding experience and is often described by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

Sompting Parish Council has an exciting agenda for the coming year so now would be a good time to join us.

Qualification

Any person can be elected or co-opted as a councillor if they meet the criteria on the attached sheet.

Disqualification

A person is however disqualified from being elected or being a councillor if they

- a) hold any paid employment or office in the authority that they seek election or
- b) are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or other interim order or
- c) have within five years before the day of election or co-option or since their election/co-option been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine or
- d) has been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification

If you are interested in applying to become a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk as follows :

Sompting Parish Council's mission: " To help foster a Sompting community which gives people a reason to be proud and engaged with the area we all live in"

Carol Stephenson, Clerk to Sompting Parish Council
Tel 07813 484857 or 01903 208824

Or by e.mail to clerk@sompting.org.uk

Or just visit the council's website for further information and application form
www.sompting.org.uk/vacancies/

Application forms are also available from the council offices at the address at the top of this page between 9am and 12 noon Mon – Fri.

Deadline for submitting your application is noon Friday 22nd February 2019

NB Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Full Council meeting on 27th February 2019 and will be required to give a short presentation (no more than 5 minutes) on why they wish to be considered and what they feel they have to bring to the council.