



Hutton Parish Council
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To all Parishioners

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CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the local council elections last May Hutton Parish Council still have one vacancy albeit previous requests produced three new councilors. The Parish Council is proposing again to take steps to fill the vacancy by the co-option of suitable person. Hence any eligible interested persons are invited to apply for co-option to the Parish Council as a Councillor.

Eligibility To be able to stand as a Parish Councillor, an applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of nomination
- be a British citizen, or an eligible Commonwealth citizen
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 1. He/she is an elector for the parish; or
 2. has resided in the parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land in the parish; or
 3. had his/her principal place of work in the parish; or
 4. has lived within three miles (straight line) of the parish.

There are certain disqualifications for election, shown below. (See section 5.80 of the Local Government Act 1972 for a full list of disqualification criteria)

- holding a paid office of the Parish Council
- bankruptcy.
- having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months, without the option of a fine during the five years preceding the election; and
- being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Written applications should be forwarded to Councillor Peter Dutton Chairman of Hutton Parish Council Hutton Village Hall. 60 Church Lane, Hutton BS24 9SN. Expressions of interest can be sent by email to clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk on condition that a follow up letter is sent in time to meet the deadline. If no letter is received following an expression of interest it will be assumed that the applicant has withdrawn their interest in the position. Proposed date of closure for applications 15th March 2024

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