

To all Parishioners

Monday, March 23, 2026

**CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Hutton Parish Council has **three vacancies** and the Council is proposing again to take steps to fill the vacancies by the co-option of suitable persons. 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 or expressions of interest should be forwarded to Councillor Peter Dutton Chairman of Hutton Parish Council c/o 12 Hutton Hill, Hutton, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 9SY or via email to [clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk](mailto:clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk).**

**Expressions of interest can be sent on condition that a follow-up letter or email application is sent. If no follow-up letter or email application is received following an expression of interest it will be assumed that the applicant has withdrawn their interest in the position.**



Sophie Hooker - Clerk to Hutton Parish Council