

**MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**APPENDIX A**

**Application for Co-Option**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Town Councillor. Please provide the below information to assist the council in making their decision.

Full Name & Title –

Home Address

Post Code

Home Telephone

Mobile Telephone

Email Address

**About You**

Please provide the council with background information about yourself.

**Reasons for applying** – Please provide the council with your reasons for wanting to become a Town Councillor.

## APPENDIX B

### Co-option Eligibility Form

1. **In order to be eligible for co-option as a Midsomer Norton Town Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the 'relevant date' (i.e the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below. Please circle which applies to you:**
  - (a) I am registered as a local government elector for the Town; 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 Town; or
  - (c) My principal or only place of work during these twelve months has been in the Town; or
  - (d) I have during the whole of twelve months resided in the Town or within 3 miles of it.
  
2. **Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 192 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a 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 had 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:**

- (a) 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;
- (b) If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct or his/her part.
- (c) If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In (a) and (b) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively.

In (c) it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

Signature: -

Please return your completed application to the Clerk to the Council. Your application will be considered at the next available Town Council meeting, where a vote will be held to decide whether the council agrees to co-opt you on to Midsomer Norton Town Council.

Data Protection Act: The information provided on this application will remain private and confidential.