Meriden Parish Council

The Pavilion
Meriden Sports Park
10 Main Road
Meriden
CV7 7SP

Parish Councillor Co-option Eligibility Form

In order to be eligible for co-option as a Parish Councillor you must be either

- **a British citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a qualifying European Union citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights 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;**
- **able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below. Please tick which 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 principal or only place or work during those twelve months has been in the Parish; or

d) ◯ I have during the whole of the twelve months resided in Meriden Parish or within 3 miles of it

Please note that the Elections Act 2022 has updated the disqualifications from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she/they:

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 the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
c) Is the subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed
d) Has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed
e) Has been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices)
f) Has been convicted of an intimidatory criminal offence motivated by hostility towards a candidate, future candidate or campaigner or holder of a relevant elective office
g) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

The Electoral Commission provides further guidance on eligibility and disqualification for candidates at Parish Council elections - www.electoralcommission.org.uk

DECLARATION
I _____ hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Meriden Parish Councillor and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record. Signature _____ Date _____

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