KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL

(Website: www.kidderminsterforeign-pc.gov.uk)

Application for Co-option to the above Council to fill a Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Please complete this form (in block capitals please) and return to the Clerk.

Clerk: *Mrs. E. Whitehouse, Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council, 25 Tynings Close, Kidderminster, DY11 5JP or / e-mail: clerk@kidderminsterforeign-pc.gov.uk*

If successful, you will be required to complete an entry in the Parish Council's Register of Members' interests. This involves putting your and your partner's address, employment, relevant major shareholdings and membership of charities, pressure groups, political parties etc. on public record.

Full name of candidate (please print)	Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other ……. Surname:…… Forenames: ……
Postal Address of candidate	
e-mail address:	
Telephone number: ***(please also include mobile)***	
Will you be at least 18 years old on the date of co-option?	YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)
In order for your eligibility to be confirmed, please tick any of the adjacent statements that apply to you. *(Please also read the legal constraints under the Localism Act, on the reverse of this form),*	1) ☐ My name is on the current electoral register for the parish. *(The Clerk can verify this for you).* 2) ☐ I have lived in the parish, or within 3 miles (4.8kms) of the parish boundary (as the crow flies) for at least 12 months. 3) ☐ My main place of business is based in the parish. 4) ☐ I own property within the parish.
Please indicate in no more than 100 words why you would like to join the Parish Council. You may wish to include any areas of expertise you could bring to the Council. ***(Continue overleaf or on a separate sheet if necessary)***	
Signed:	I am not aware of any disqualification to my serving as a Councillor. (see overleaf) and I confirm all the statements above are true. ……

Please return to the Clerk (address as above – my mail or email to arrive by the **closing date of 2nd October 2026**

Localism Act 2011

Section 34(4) describes how a person may be disqualified from standing in local government elections under this section. The remaining provisions of section 34 do not directly affect a person's entitlement to stand for election

34 Offences

(1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—

(a) fails to comply with an obligation imposed on the person by section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7),

(b) participates in any discussion or vote in contravention of section 31(4), or

(c) takes any steps in contravention of section 31(8).

(2) A person commits an offence if under section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7) the person provides information that is false or misleading and the person—

(a) knows that the information is false or misleading, or

(b) is reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(4) A court dealing with a person for an offence under this section may (in addition to any other power exercisable in the person's case) by order disqualify the person, for a period not exceeding five years, for being or becoming (by election or otherwise) a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority in question or any other relevant authority.

(5) A prosecution for an offence under this section is not to be instituted except by or on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(6) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be brought within a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.

(7) But no such proceedings may be brought more than three years—

(a) after the commission of the offence, or

(b) in the case of a continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.

(8) A certificate signed by the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate to that effect and purporting to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.

(9) The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows.

(10) In section 86(1)(b) (authority to declare vacancy where member becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after " 2000 " insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 ".

(11) In section 87(1)(ee) (date of casual vacancies)—

(a) after "2000" insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 or ", and

(b) after "decision" insert " or order ".

(12) The Greater London Authority Act 1999 is amended as follows.

(13) In each of sections 7(b) and 14(b) (Authority to declare vacancy where Assembly member or Mayor becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

"(ia) under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011,".

(14) In section 9(1)(f) (date of casual vacancies)—

(a) before "or by virtue of" insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 ", and

(b) after "that Act" insert " of 1998 or that section ".

Rough Guide EXPLANATION BY CLERK

Roughly speaking, and subject to any amendments/additions from the regulations above, you may NOT:

a) Be under 18 years of age
b) Be a paid officer of this council
c) Be an undischarged bankrupt (or discharged within the last 5 years)
d) Have been convicted of any offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment
e) Have been convicted of any corrupt or illegal practices

Continuation space for applicant statement if required: