

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FORM FOR TOWN COUNCILLOR

Ivybridge Town Council welcomes applications for the current vacancy of Town Councillor (which is an unpaid position). To ensure that applicants understand the role of a Councillor, and the commitment in terms of time, it is suggested that you may find it helpful to understand the roles and responsibilities by looking at relevant websites, including www.ivybridge.gov.uk, www.devonalc.org.uk and www.nalc.gov.uk/elections

On those websites you can see agendas and background information about Town (Parish) Councils, how they work, the actions and activities that they can undertake and the type of matters that are discussed.

It is hoped that Councillors will bring a range of skills and experience to the Town Council, which can be enhanced with relevant training so that both the individual and the community benefit from the time which you are able to contribute.

The following questions will assist the Council in understanding your background and enable you to focus on the reasons why you wish be involved in the work of a Town Council.

Once you have completed this form please email to townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk or drop a paper copy in the letter box at the Town Hall, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ. If you have any queries, please email or telephone 01752 893815.

Thank you for your interest.

Qualifications - To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election or co-option you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards. See paragraph 1.11 for further information.
 - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
 - d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election

Disqualifications - Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish council in England. You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your co-option:

- a. You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish council (including joint boards or committees).
- b. You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- c. You have 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 co-option day.
- d. You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations). The disqualification for an illegal practice begins from the date the person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for three years. The disqualification for a corrupt practice begins from the date a person has been reported guilty by an election court or convicted and lasts for five years.

A person may also be disqualified from election if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority following a decision of the First-tier Tribunal (formerly the Adjudication Panel for England).

Applicant:

Name

Address:

Email address.....

Telephone number.....

Ward vacancy: **IVYBRIDGE EAST/WEST (delete as appropriate)**

The closing date for applications can be found on the advert for the co-option vacancy.

To be eligible you need to be age 18 or over, be an elector and have lived in Ivybridge (or within 3 miles) or had your principal or only place of paid work in the town or owned/been a tenant of land or premises in the town, for the last 12 months. If you have any queries about eligibility, please contact the Town Clerk.

Applicant Name:

1. Please outline why you wish to become a Town Councillor.

Answer:

2. What are the main skills and areas of knowledge you can offer the Council (include not only work related skills/knowledge but also that acquired through voluntary work, hobbies etc) and which areas of the work of the Council particularly interest you?

Answer:

3. Please outline groups or volunteering roles that you have previously been involved with for the benefit of the community of Ivybridge (or if only recently relocated to the town, your roles in other communities)

Answer:

Applicant Name:

4. **Only answer if relevant:** If not living in Ivybridge Parish you need to live within 3 miles or work in the Parish. If you are resident outside the Parish, have you ever lived in Ivybridge and why are you applying to be an Ivybridge Town Councillor?

Answer:

5. If you wish to add any other relevant information in support of your application, then please either submit as additional information or outline below.

Answer:

I confirm that I am eligible to stand as a Town Councillor, I meet the qualifications and have not been disqualified in anyway.

Signed:

Date: