

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CO-OPTION OF ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Returning Officer of New Forest District Council has confirmed that after the resignation of a Councillor, NFDC posted a Notice of Vacancy and that as they have not received requests from ten electors for an election to take place there is a vacancy on the Blackfield & Langley Ward and the Council can now fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

This casual vacancy will be advertised for a period of one week in line with the Council's Co-Option Policy. If you are interested in serving in a voluntary position as a Parish Councillor for Fawley Parish Council (FPC) please contact the Clerk to request your application pack.

Email: clerk@fawley-pc.gov.uk or

Post: Steve Postlethwaite, Clerk, Fawley Parish Council, Gang Warily Recreation & Community Centre, Newlands Road, Fawley, SO45 1GA

Eligibility of Candidates

FPC is able to consider any person to fill a vacancy provided that:

- He/she is over 18
- an elector for the parish; or
- has either during the whole of the previous twelve months resided in the parish or within three miles of it or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or had his principal or only place of work there (such work may not be paid but must be substantial).

There are certain disqualifications for election, of which the main are (see 5. 80 of the Local Government Act 1972):

- holding a paid office under the local authority;
- bankruptcy;
- having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of more 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.

Candidates found to be offering inducements of any kind will be disqualified.

The closing date for the return of the application form is Friday 27 August 2021.

In the event of the council receiving more than three applications for co-option, candidates will be shortlisted. The successful three candidates will then be required to attend the Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 08 September 2021**, to make a short address to members, (maximum 3 minutes) giving reasons for wishing to be considered as a Parish Councillor.

DATED: Tuesday 10 August 2021