

Badsworth Parish Council

Co-option Information Pack

About the Role

Parish Councillors are elected representatives who serve the local community. They work together to make decisions on local services, facilities and issues affecting the parish. This may include matters such as planning applications, community projects, local amenities and representing residents' views.

Councillors are expected to:

- Attend Parish Council meeting on the last Wednesday of the month
- Prepare for meetings by reading agendas and supporting documents
- Take part in discussions and decision-making
- Represent the interests of the whole community
- Uphold high standards of conduct and comply with the Council's Code of Conduct

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for co-option, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of a European Union member state

In addition, you must meet at least one of the following:

- Be registered as a local government elector for the parish
- Have occupied land or premises in the parish as owner or tenant during the previous 12 months
- Have had your principal or only place of work in the parish during the previous 12 months
- Have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the previous 12 months

You must not be disqualified from holding office (for example, due to certain criminal convictions or bankruptcy restrictions).

The Co-option Process

The Parish Council will consider all applications received and may invite applicants to attend a Council meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions.

Councillors will then vote to decide which applicant to co-opt. The successful candidate will be notified and formally appointed at a Council meeting.

How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please submit a short-written application including:

- Your name and contact details
- A brief statement explaining why you wish to become a councillor
- Any relevant skills, experience or interests you would bring to the role

Applications should be sent to the Clerk at: Clerk@badsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you would like to discuss the role informally before applying, please contact the Clerk using the details above.

