

CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLOR PERSON SPECIFICATION AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

The following qualities are advantageous for a Parish Councillor to have or be prepared to gain:

COMPETENCY ESSENTIAL / DESIRABLE

Personal Attributes

- Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community
- Forward thinking
- Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council particularly in relation to knowledge of the National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission and the Verderers of the New Forest and the history of the New Forest

Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability

- Ability to listen constructively
- A good team player
- Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects
- Solid interest in local matters
- Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community
- Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see others views and accept majority decisions
- Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly
- Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff
- Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners (e.g. New Forest National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission, the Verderers of the New Forest, sport organisers, charities and other voluntary groups, other Parish Councils, New Forest District Council, Hampshire County Council
- Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training
- Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body
- Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups
- Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to parish councils or local authorities
- Experience of delivering presentations

Circumstances

- Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the Council (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) at any time and events in the evening and at weekends