

# Payhembury Parish Council

## Casual Vacancy Co-option Application Form

Name: .....

Address for Correspondence: .....

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Telephone: ..... Mobile: .....

e-mail: .....

### Eligibility for Co-option

To be eligible you must be able to answer yes to both the following questions:

Are you a British or Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes / No
Are you 18 years of age or over?	Yes / No

To be eligible you must also be able to meet **one or more** of the following qualifications set out below:

I am on the current electoral register for the parish (on-going requirement; you are required to remain on the register throughout your term of office);

I have, during the whole of twelve months prior to the relevant date, resided in the parish or within 3 miles (4.8 km) of it;

I have, during the whole of the twelve months prior to the relevant date, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish;

My principal or only place of work during the twelve months prior to the relevant date has been in the parish

*Please select at least one of the above qualifications that apply to you, where the 'relevant date' refers to the date of co-option. If you select option 1 only then you would cease to be eligible to be a councillor if you are no longer on the electoral register. For any other selection, or combination of selections, you would remain eligible to be a councillor up to the next ordinary election (held every 4 years).*

### Disqualifications

Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if they:

- hold any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with their creditors (but see below); or
- has within five years before the day of election or co-option, or since their election or co-option, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or

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d) is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

- i) if the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that their debts have been fully discharged;
- ii) if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on their part;
- iii) if the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In (i) and (ii) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In (iii), it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

**I confirm that I am not disqualified from being a Local Councillor**

**Yes / No**

**Please give a brief summary about yourself which could include, for example, why you are interested in being a Parish Councillor, any life experiences or skills that you might bring to the Parish Council, any qualifications or areas of expertise that might be relevant, etc (please continue on a separate sheet if required):**

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Please note that the majority of Council meetings are held in the evening and, unfortunately, under present legislation, the Parish Council is not permitted to contribute to the cost of Councillors' childcare or care of dependents.

All Parish Councillors are required to complete an entry in the Parish Council's register of members' interests. This involves putting your address, employment, relevant major shareholdings and membership of charities, pressure groups, political parties etc., on public record.

Payhembury Parish Council meetings normally take place on the second Wednesday of every other month starting in January from 7.30pm.

### Declaration and Consent

- a) I declare that I am eligible to become a Parish Councillor in the Parish of Payhembury and I certify that the contents of this application form are true and correct.
- b) I consent to my details being retained if I am co-opted as a Councillor.
- c) I consent to receiving Parish Council documentation via electronic means (email and Dropbox or equivalent).
- d) I consent to my name and telephone number being published.

Signed ..... Dated .....

Please print off the form and sign; digital signatures are not acceptable.

Completed, signed forms (and any continuation sheets) should be sent to: Mrs Dawn Chamberlain, Payhembury Parish Clerk, c/o Rose Cottage, Payhembury, Honiton, Devon EX14 3HR  
Or  
can be scanned and emailed to [payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk)