

Thank you for your interest in becoming a parish councillor.

If you become a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

But to reassure you, it is worth saying that parish councillors are typical residents of their towns and villages – they need have no special skills nor qualifications - but they are keen to contribute to the life of their communities and to make the parish better for everyone.

The duties of a parish councillor are not onerous – you will have to attend a number of meetings each year and you will receive free training needed to take on the role effectively. You will be part of the decision taking of the council and you will discuss and agree how the funds of the council are best spent to support the community you represent.

The detail of council business is organised and carried out by the council clerk so, as a councillor, you will not be drowning in emails nor spending your weekends poring over spreadsheets! What you will spend time doing is keeping in touch with what your neighbours and local residents think should be done to improve the local area and ensuring these views get a hearing when the council makes its plans and budgets.

There are opportunities within the council to get more involved in specific areas such as finance and planning if you are interested and have a bit more time to contribute to your community. Again, free courses are regularly run that you can take up to bolster specific skills.

The rewards of being a councillor are not financial yet they are great in personal satisfaction, meeting fellow councillors and residents, and knowing that you have helped improve parishioners lives through helping everyone have a voice in how their environment is maintained or developed.

All Councillors retire after a four-year term, but casual vacancies may well arise in the intervening period as in this case where a replacement is sought for a councillor who recently resigned.

Have a look at the group parish web site to see how the parish operates at the moment. Do contact the Clerk or Chair if you have any questions or to find an existing councillor to chat to about what is involved and the benefits of being involved in the 'grass roots' administration of your community and its neighbourhood.

So, if you want to do more for your community, if you want to spend your time productively, and if you can listen, think and act locally then why not apply to fill this vacancy?

Hugh Fowler-Wright Chairman

Humber, Ford and Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

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Group Parish Council

Application form for role of Parish Councillor on Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

Full name	
Home address Incl. Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	

It is a condition of being a Parish Councillor that your phone number and email address be made public via notice boards and websites.

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below

Are you a British citizen or a Commonwealth citizen?	Yes / No
Are you aged 18 or over?	Yes / No

To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below

Are you on the electoral register for Humber, Ford and Stoke Prior?	Yes / No
Have you lived either in Humber, Ford or Stoke Prior or within 3 miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes / No
Have you been the owner or tenant of land within the Parishes for at least a year?	Yes / No
Have you had your only or main place of work in the Parishes for at least a year?	Yes / No

DISQUALIFICATIONS

You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor

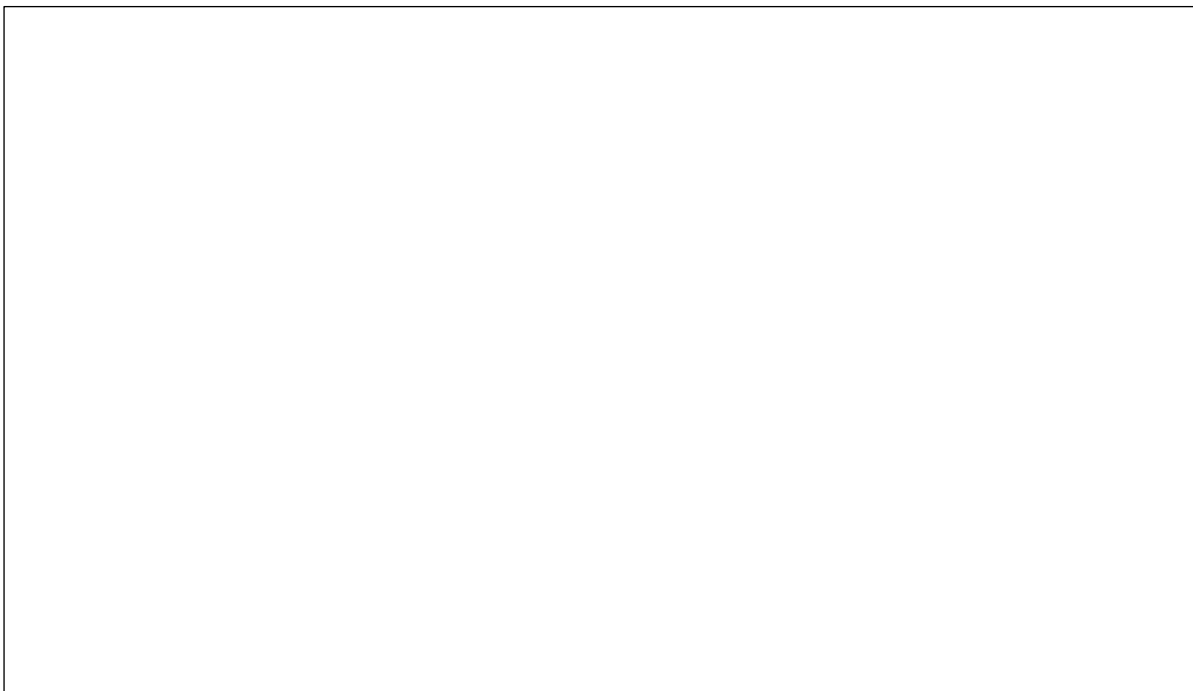
Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order?	Yes / No
Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine?	Yes / No
Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes / No

Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a parish councillor.

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to provide details about their life experience.

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise. Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to provide details about their skills and any questions they have for the council.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the Council?

Signed..... Date

Once you have completed this form please return to the Clerk to the Council

clerk@hfspgroupparishcouncil.gov.uk

or by post to-

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