

**PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL  
APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Town Councillor. Please provide the below information to assist in the council making its decision.

<b>Full Name and Title</b>	
<b>Home Address</b>	
<b>Home Telephone</b>	
<b>Mobile Telephone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	

**About You:**

Please provide the council with some background information about yourself:

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**Reasons for applying:**

Please provide the council with your reasons for wanting to become a Town Councillor.

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<b>Signature</b>	
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Your application also requires signatures of 2 registered electors (known as proposer and seconder) from the parish area:

	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Signature</b>		

Please return your completed application to the Clerk to Preesall Town Council. Your application will be considered at the next available town council meeting, where a vote will be held to decide your application for co-option to Preesall Town Council.

Data Protection Act (2018): The information provided on the application form will remain private and confidential.

**1. In order to be eligible for co-option as a Town Councillor, you must be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the date of the poll or election, 18 years of age or over; and be able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below:**

**Please tick which one applies to you:**

a) I am and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish from the day of my nomination onwards; or

b) I have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or

c) My principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the parish; or

d) I have during the whole of the 12 months resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

**2. 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:**

a) Hold any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chair or vice-chair) or of a joint committee on which the council is represented; or

b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or

c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, 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

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

e) Is subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed.

**Bankruptcy in itself is not a disqualification.** If you have been adjudged bankrupt by a court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you are not disqualified on that basis. However, you are disqualified if you are currently subject to any of the following:

- an interim bankruptcy restrictions order
- a bankruptcy restrictions order
- an interim debt relief restrictions order
- debt relief restrictions order made by a court in England or Wales.

**DECLARATION**

I..... herby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Town Councillor; and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature.....

Date.....

## CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR PERSON SPECIFICATION

COMPETENCY	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>Personal Attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community</li> <li>• Forward thinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council</li> </ul>
<b>Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to listen constructively</li> <li>• A good team player (It should be noted that no councillor can act independently of the council. Any decisions/actions need prior council approval)</li> <li>• Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects and a solid interest in local matters</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community</li> <li>• Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see other views and accept majority decisions</li> <li>• Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and maintain good working relationships with all members and staff</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners as authorised at a council meeting (e.g. voluntary groups, other Parish Councils, principle authority, charities)</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body</li> <li>• Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups</li> <li>• Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and parish Councils or local authorities</li> <li>• Experience of delivering presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Circumstances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	