**Thorverton Parish Council – Co-option Policy**

**Adopted November 2015, last reviewed July 2018, next review July 2020**

**Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

**Application Form**

**Full Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone Home: Mobile:**

**E.mail:**

**Are you over 18 years old? YES / NO**

**Please tell us why you would like to be considered for the Parish Councillor role and include any relevant experience (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):**

**Signed: Date: .**

Please return your completed form together with the Co-option Eligibility Form (below) to the Clerk - Mrs Alison Marshall, Dinneford House, Dinneford Street, Thorverton, Devon, EX5 5NU e. [thorvertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:thorvertonpc@gmail.com)

**Closing date 9am on 20..**

**Thorverton Parish Council**

**Co-option Eligibility Form**

Persons applying for the role of Parish Councillor at application date must:

1. Be a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union
2. Be 18 years of age or over and
3. Be able to meet at least one of the following qualifications \***please delete which do not apply to you:**
4. \*I am and have been registered as a local government elector for the Parish or
5. \*during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of application I have occupied, as owner or tenant, land or premises in the Parish or
6. \*I have had a principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months in the Parish or
7. \*I have resided within the Parish during the whole preceding twelve months or within 3 miles of its boundary.
8. Under the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being a member of a Local Council if they:

* Hold any paid office or employment of the local council or 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 creditors or
* Has within five years before the date of application been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment or not less than three months without the option of a fine or
* Is otherwise disqualified under Part 111 of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

Disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

a) 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,

b) if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on their part

c) if the person is discharged without such a certificate.

I (insert full name) hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Thorverton Parish Councillor and that the information provided on this form is a true and accurate record of my circumstances.

Signed Date

(please return this completed form to the Clerk together with the application form)