

Parish councillors must meet some core requirements:

Be at least 18 years old, and

A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a relevant citizen of the European Union, and:

- (a) on the Blackawton electoral register; or
- (b) over all of the twelve months before co-option in September 2021 occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in Blackawton; or
- (c) Blackawton has been your main or only place of work for the twelve months to co-option in September 2021; or
- (d) have lived in Blackawton or within three miles of it for the twelve months to co-option in September

Parish councillors can't:

- be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, or a debt relief restrictions order or interim debt relief restrictions order
- within five years before co-option been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- Work for Blackawton Parish Council.

This is a summary of the main qualifying criteria.

For full details please see section 79 and section 80 of Local Government Act 1972
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/79>

The successful candidate for co-option will be asked to certify in writing that they meet the eligibility criteria and aren't disqualified.

'The Good Councillor's Guide', 'It Takes All Sorts', and 'All About Local Councils' have very good information about Parish Councils and being a Parish Councillor.

They are on the website or the Clerk will email them on request.