



## Tring Rural Parish Council

### APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COUNCILLOR ON TRING RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

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#### Legal qualifications for being a community councillor qualifications

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

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| Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country? | Yes |
| Are you 18 or over?   | Yes |

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

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| Are you on the electoral register for the parish of Tring Rural?  | Yes |
| Have you lived either in the ward of Tring Rural, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year? | Yes |
| Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the ward of Tring Rural for at least a year?                     | Yes |
| Have you had your only or main place of work in ward of Tring Rural for at least a year?                      | Yes |

#### DISQUALIFICATIONS

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

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| Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?  | 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? | No. |
| Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?  | No. |

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

Having lived in Long Marston for more than six years and prior to that in Tring, I am keen to support the community in which I live and which my husband and I are bringing our children up in. We have built strong roots within the local community and I see this as an opportunity to play a more active role; understanding the needs of the community and supporting it as it evolves.

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.

I have over 20 years' experience in the communications industry covering public relations, employee communications and public affairs. Prior to setting up my own consultancy in 2020, I was communications director for a FTSE 30 organisation, sitting on their leadership team and advising and coaching managing directors and senior leaders. I hope I can bring the skills I have gained in communications and business to the Council, helping it to positively engage with the local community.

I have always been someone that likes to support the community in which I'm living and/or working. Whilst at University, I was part of the Raising and Giving (RAG) committee and at work, I've taken a keen interest in both the charity and wellness activities and initiatives. As a mum to two young children, my time has been extremely limited but as they are now a little bit older and I mostly work from home, I have a bit more time on my hands!

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise.

I have a degree in politics, a professional qualification from the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and experience in change communications.

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

I would like to understand what the Council's priorities are for the year ahead and what attributes they are looking for in a new Council Member?

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

Please type your name below or sign if you are submitting a hard copy and return to [clerk@tringrural-pc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@tringrural-pc.co.uk) or Tring Rural Parish Council, PO Box 6444, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 6FX

Signed

Liz Oakley

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