Sampford Brett Parish Council
Co-option Application Form



Thank you for applying to be considered for co-option to Sampford Brett Parish Council. By providing the information below, you will help the Council in making its decision.

Full Name:	
Home address: **Postcode:**	
Phone number:	
Email:	

1. **ABOUT YOU:**
   Please outline any background information you feel would be helpful to the Council in considering your application.

2. **REASONS FOR APPLYING:** *Please provide the Council with your reasons for applying to become a Parish Councillor.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your application also requires signatures of two registered electors (known as proposer and seconder) from the parish area:

	Proposer	**Seconder**
Name:		
Address: **Postcode:**		
Signature:		
Date:		

3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Please tick the qualification(s) that apply to you. To be eligible for co-option, you must be a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of a member state of the European Union; be aged 18 or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ☐ I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- ☐ I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish; or
- ☐ My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or
- ☐ I have, during the whole of the twelve months, lived in the parish or within three miles of it.

4. **DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 80):** Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected or co-opted as a Local Councillor if they:

- Hold any paid office or employment with the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or with a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- Have been adjudged bankrupt or made a composition or arrangement with creditors (subject to the exceptions listed below); or
- Have, within five years before the day of election or since election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- Are disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

Bankruptcy disqualification ceases if:

- The bankruptcy is annulled because the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or because debts have been fully discharged; or
- The person is discharged with a certificate stating the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct; or
- The person is discharged without such a certificate (in which case disqualification ceases five years after discharge).

In cases (i) and (ii) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment or discharge, respectively. In case (iii), the disqualification ceases five years after the date of discharge.

5. DECLARATION

I…… hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Sampford Brett Parish Councillor; and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*Please return your completed application to the Clerk to the Parish Council by **25 November 2026**. Your application will be considered at the next available Parish Council meeting, where councillors will vote on your co-option to Sampford Brett Parish Council.*

Data Protection Act (2018): The information provided on this application form will be managed securely and used only for the purpose of assessing your eligibility for co-option.

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