

# WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Co-option Application Form

**Please submit by no later than 12 Noon on Saturday 11th December 2021**

to: [winterbornewhitechurch@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:winterbornewhitechurch@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

Please complete the information below with as much information as you feel appropriate in support of your application to be co-opted to	
<b>Role(s) seeking co-option for:</b>	Councillor – Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council (December 2021) – 6 casual vacancies)
<b>Give a short explanation of why you would like to do this role?</b>	<p>I have lived in the village for a considerable period of time, so I feel that I understand the dynamic of the village well. Both of my sons attended the local school for their primary education prior to moving to Grammar School. Now that my boys are teenagers, I feel that I have more time for other commitments.</p> <p>By qualification, I am a geography teacher, so I have a good grasp of rural issues. After 13 years of teaching, I moved to being a senior education officer in a neighbouring Local Authority. I worked as Head of Intensive School Support ensuring that all schools were performing well and where they were not, ensuring appropriate actions were taken. This role included being accountable to the County Council Select Committee, so I am used to being held to publically justify my decision making. I also worked part time for the Department for Education inspecting Local Authority arrangements. This gave me significant experience chairing challenging meetings.</p>
<b>What skills and attributes do you feel you can bring to the role?</b>	<p>As a volunteer, I have been a school governor 4 times, serving as Vice Chair twice. Recently, I have returned to a school environment having been a serving Head teacher of a Church of England Primary School since September 2019 in the most challenging of times.</p> <p>I have a diverse skill set and am used to living up to the Nolan principles. I am good at listening and responding appropriately both orally and in writing. I am seen as a person of integrity who is committed to support the community thrive.</p>

I confirm that I meet the qualifying criteria as set out in guidance for candidates for parish and town councils:

[Electoral Commission – Guidance for Candidates](#)

<b>Name</b>	Andrew Howard		
<b>Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2021		
	In applying I understand that this is for the period up to the next scheduled election in May 2024	Yes	
	In applying I understand I will be required to abide by the Code of Conduct for Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council and submit my Register of Interests with the Monitoring Officer at Dorset Council within 28 days of taking office	Yes	