

APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COUNCILLOR
ON STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Legal qualifications for being a parish councillor.

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

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country? Yes/☒ No

Are you 18-year-old or over? Yes/☒ No

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

Are you on the electoral register for the parish of Stoke Mandeville? Yes/☒ No

Have you lived either in Stoke Mandeville or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year? Yes/☒ No

Have you been the owner or tenant of land in Stoke Mandeville for at least a year? Yes/☒ No

Have you had your only or main place of work in Stoke Mandeville for at least a year? ~~Yes~~/No

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(You must be able to answer No to all 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?	Yes /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?	Yes /No
Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes /No

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

Stoke Mandeville has been my home for the past four years, and in that time I've seen first-hand the warmth, spirit, and potential of our village. I've been proud to play an active role in our community - taking part in a local Women's Institute, Repair Cafe and supporting Ukraine through WAVUS for three years. I believe that by working together, we can preserve what makes our village special while helping it to grow and adapt for the future.

Now that WAVUS has moved to a more sustainable footing, I am looking for a new challenge and believe serving as a parish councillor would be an excellent opportunity to use my experience and commitment to help Stoke Mandeville continue to be a place we are all proud to call home.

...osing my parents at the age of four and experiencing a disrupted education has shaped my resilience, empathy and determination to help others overcome challenges. Over the past years, I have drawn on these experiences to educate and support people of all ages and backgrounds. My career has included teaching in the UK and internationally, including serving as Principal of a school in Nigeria—an experience that strengthened my leadership skills and cultural understanding. I also fostered Barnardo's teenagers who were making the difficult transition to independent living, offering guidance, stability, and encouragement at a pivotal stage in their lives. These experiences have given me not only practical skills but also a deep understanding of the importance of inclusion, opportunity, and compassion—values I would bring wholeheartedly to the work of the parish council.

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.

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

With a degree in education and a long career in teaching, I have developed strong skills in leadership, communication and organisation. As Principal of a school in Nigeria, I led staff teams, managed budgets, and oversaw the smooth day-to-day running of the school, ensuring both high standards and financial responsibility. I am experienced in chairing meetings so that everyone's voice is heard while keeping discussions focused and productive. I also have a track record of providing careful financial oversight and guiding projects from idea to completion. These skills—together with my commitment to collaboration and community—would enable me to make a practical, positive contribution to the parish council.

Would you like to ask the Council?

Please note that most 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@stokemandeville-pc.gov.uk or Stoke Mandeville Parish, Council Office, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville HP22 5UJ.

Your application will be considered at the next appropriate Parish Council meeting, where a vote will be held to decide your co-option to Stoke Mandeville Parish Council.

Signed A. Lennard

Date 21.08.25

Data Protection Act (2018) The information provided on the application form will remain private & confidential.