



## Representation of the People Act 1985 Section 21 (2) a)

### TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Following the local elections on 06 May 2021 and Lostwithiel Town Council's Annual Meeting on 18 May 2021, Lostwithiel Town Council has seven vacancies which it may fill by way of co-option.

1. If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor please submit a written expression of interest to the Town Clerk at the address below by **Tuesday 08 June 2021**. Please include a short personal statement giving reasons why you are interested in joining the Town Council together with a summary of your background and skills that you can offer the Council.
2. Candidates will be requested to attend an Extraordinary Council meeting on **Tuesday 15 June 2021** at Lostwithiel Community Centre at 7pm and will be asked to address members regarding their application.
3. If more applications are received than vacancies to be filled, the Town Council will decide which of the applications will fill the vacancies.

Mrs S Harris  
Town Clerk  
Lostwithiel Town Council  
Taprell House  
North Street  
Lostwithiel  
Cornwall  
PL22 0BL

19 May 2021



## **Qualification Categories**

Regarding the arrangements for the filling of any vacancy where co-option applies, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 79(1) the Town Council may co-opt as a member any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve, provided he or she satisfies at least one of the following qualification categories: -

- a) is registered as a local government elector for the parish
- b) has during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish;
- c) his/her principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months has been in the parish;
- d) had during the whole of the preceding twelve months resided in the parish or within 4.8km thereof.

## **Disqualification Categories**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 80 a person is disqualified from being a Councillor if:-

- a) are employed by Lostwithiel Town Council
- b) are subject to bankruptcy orders
- c) have, within 5 years before taking office or at any time since been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and have received a sentence of imprisonment (suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine;



d) are disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

### **Further Information**

- Contact the Town Clerk, Mrs Sandra Harris on 01208 872323 or email [clerk@lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk) who would be happy to discuss this further and/or arrange a virtual meeting with existing Councillors who can tell you more about the role.
- Attend the next Town Council meeting on Tuesday 01 June at Lostwithiel Community Centre at 7pm. Agendas with supporting papers are posted on the Lostwithiel Town Council website before the meeting.  
<http://www.lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk>