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**Co-option Questionnaire**

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| Full name |  |
| Home address inc Post Code |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Mobile number |  |
| Email |  |

**LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

PLEASE ANSWER THE YES/NO QUESTIONS CAREFULLY

**QUALIFICATIONS**

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

Are you 18 or over? Yes/No

(You only need one of the following four qualifications but please say Yes to all that apply)

Are you on the electoral register for a Bentham ward? Yes/No

Have you lived either in a ward of Bentham, or within three miles of its boundary,

for at least a year? Yes/No

Have you been the owner or tenant of land in a ward of Bentham for at least a year? Yes/No

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

**DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Are you an employee of Bentham Town Council? Yes/No

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

**WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE COUNCIL** (if you need more space, please use a separate sheet)

Please give us an indication of why you might be interested in being a parish councillor

Please tell us something about the **experience you might 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 what **skills you might bring to the Council**, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise

Are there any questions you would like to ask us?

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

Signed… Date