Please return your completed form, together with the Co-option Application Form, to

Rob Martin, Clerk to Chawleigh Parish Council, 14 Station Road, Yeoford, Crediton, Devon EX17 5HU, or

email [clerk@chawleighparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@chawleighparishcouncil.uk) **by no later than 28th February 2022.**

**1. Eligibility Criteria**

Under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is qualified to be co-opted as a parish councillor, if he/she is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a relevant citizen of the European Union, and on the ‘relevant date’ (i.e. the day on which he/she is co-opted) has reached 18 years of age and:

* is registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
* has during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in the parish; or
* his/her principal or only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option has been in the parish; or
* has during the whole of twelve months preceding the date of co-option resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

**Please circle which of the above applies to you.**

**2. Disqualification Criteria**

Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected as a parish councillor or being a member of a parish council if he/she:

1. holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the council is represented; or
2. is a person who is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, or a debt relief restrictions order or interim debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB of the Insolvency Act 19861; or
3. has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
4. is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

I (*PRINT name*) ………………………………………………………… hereby confirm, that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Chawleigh Parish Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed: Date: