

# West Rainton Parish Council

## Co-option to casual vacancies

### Self-certification of meeting statutory requirements

Candidate Name:

Address:

I declare that I am eligible to become a parish councillor as:

	<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>True or False</b>
1	I am a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union <b>and</b>	
1A	I am over 18 years of age <b>and:</b>	
2	I am a local government elector for the West Rainton and Leamside area <b>or</b>	
2a	I have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the West Rainton or Leamside area for at least the last 12 months <b>or</b>	
2b	My principal or only place of work during the last twelve months has been in the area of West Rainton and Leamside <b>or</b>	
2c	For the last 12 months I have resided in the parish of West Rainton and Leamside or within 3 miles of it	

I also declare that I am not disqualified to become a councillor as:

	<b>Disqualification Criteria</b>	<b>True or False</b>
1	I am not an employee of West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council	
2	I have not been subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order (section 267 (1)) of the Enterprise Act 2002	
3	I have not been convicted of any offence in the last 5 years resulting in a sentence of at least 3 months ( whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine	
4	*I have not been found guilty of any corrupt or illegal practice in relation to elections or have been responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure in connection with an election and the court ordered my disqualification	

\*Please read note on page 2

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**This form should be returned to:**

**The Parish Clerk  
West Rainton Parish Council  
9 Pond Street, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2PS**

\*According to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1883, various corrupt or illegal practices in relation to legal elections are criminal offences. Corrupt practices include bribery, impersonation, treating and false declaration of election expenses. Illegal practices include illegal payments (eg. for paid canvassers and for payments for the conveyance of voters to and from the poll), illegal broadcasting and improper conduct (eg. the publication of false statements about the conduct or character of a candidate).

It is also an illegal practice to print or publish an election document (eg. a poster or manifesto) which does not bear on its face the words, "printed and published by" together with the name and address of both the printer and the publisher. The "publisher" is the person who is responsible for issuing the document. Printing includes any form of reproduction other than copying by hand.