KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR VACANCY APPLICATION

Full Name: Khan Naveed Dawood BARAKZAI PACE

Address:

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Legal qualifications for being a Parish Councillor

To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the following questions:

Are you a British or Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes
Are you 18 years of age or over?	Yes

To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the following questions:

Are you on the Parish electoral register for the Parish of Kidlington?	Yes
Have you lived in the Parish of Kidlington, or within 3 miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes
Have you been the owner or tenant of land or other premises in the Parish of Kidlington for at least a year?	Yes
Have you had your principal or only place of work in the Parish of Kidlington for at least a year?	Yes

DISQUALIFICATIONS

You must be able to answer 'No' to all of the following questions to be eligible to serve as a Councillor:

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order?	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 three months or more without option of a fine?	No

Disqualification from being elected a member is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972

Please briefly outline why you are interested in being a Parish Councillor:

It’s easy to sit back and complain about the environment you live in, wondering how/why certain decisions have been made. It’s better, however, to discover, understand, and to be part of that decision making process, if you have the time, experience and inclination to do so, for the greater good.

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 work experience:

I have lived in many areas during my adult life, including Dorset, Somerset, Bristol, Surrey and most recently Oxfordshire due to a new job at St Edward's School in Summertown in 2008. I bought my first ever property on the High Street in Kidlington in 2009 and worked for a total of 18 years in the education sector which included 6 years spent as a self-employed Chemistry Tutor operating out of Kidlington, my chosen home. Just before COVID hit I chose a career change to IT, starting a job on a graduate scheme with Elsevier by the airport (although they've just sold that site), and where I'm now a Team Lead in Infrastructure Engineering. My day-to-day function is really that of a Delivery Manager, managing the expectations of the five software development teams we work with, ensuring that my squad have the requisite tools to do the job, and that their welfare, career path and work-life balance is well maintained.

As an ex-teacher I am always interested in child welfare, whether in terms of nutrition or exercise or wellbeing & development; as an ex-self-employed sole trader I know how crucial it is for independent businesses to get custom through the door; as a home and dog owner I want Kidlington to be safe, clean and a place to be proud of; as a husband and potential father I want our village to be a thriving hub of social activity; and as a Humanist I want to see integration and inclusivity across all demographics of our society, making provision for those that need it most with empathy and kindness.

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

I am at a point in life where I both want to and am able to give back to the local community, and where that contribution will be constructive and based on a wide range of experiences. These include working with children and young people in both primary and secondary schools for 18 years, being involved in committees within schools, IT project management (including a PRINCE2® Foundation Certificate) at work, construction project management in my personal life, and delivery & stakeholder management to a high level of success in my job. I am highly numerate, financially literate and am no stranger to budgeting.

As a graduate Chemist by training I tend to take pragmatic, logical and evidence-based decisions; common-sense approaches to problems are always preferable, without the need for repetition, duplication of work or ego interfering with the appropriate solution. I am sociable & empathetic, straight-forward & intelligent, and will bring a level-headed approach to my work as a local Councillor just as I do on a daily basis at work.

You are invited to attend the meeting of the Council on Thursday 25 January at 7.30pm
This paper will have been circulated to all councillors (personal details redacted) in advance of the meeting.

At the meeting all candidates will be asked:

What do you consider are the most important issues facing the Parish Council currently?

Once all candidates have been given the opportunity to answer, members of the Council will vote to fill the vacancies. Co-opted councillors will take their place on the Council immediately.
All candidates are welcome to stay at the meeting as a member of the public.