KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR VACANCY APPLICATION

Full Name: **Nikruz Soheili-Khonsari (Nik)**

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 / No**
Are you 18 years of age or over?	**Yes / No**

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 / No**
Have you lived in the Parish of Kidlington, or within 3 miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	**Yes / No**
Have you been the owner or tenant of land or other premises in the Parish of Kidlington for at least a year?	**Yes / No**
Have you had your principal or only place of work in the Parish of Kidlington for at least a year?	**Yes / No**

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?	**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 three months or more without option of a fine?	**Yes / 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:

*Kidlington has been home to me for most of my adult life, I am passionate about this village, its development and its future. After a busy corporate life, this is my opportunity to give back to the community that I care about so deeply***.**

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:

For the last 37 years I have travelled the world dealing with small companies to massive multinational corporations, interacting with various nationalities and beliefs, understanding the various mindsets and navigating through corporate challenges. I have learned to have attention to detail and have developed an analytical mindset which allows me to approach each opportunity or challenge with no preconceived ideas and to judge each case on its merit.
I have never had the opportunity to do any voluntary work, however I have supported many charities by gaining corporate support for them, which is something very personal to me and my beliefs.

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 a firm believer that all areas and segments of the community in Kidlington need to be represented, my professional background is in business development which simply means getting things done that otherwise would not get done, if left alone. I have always worked in a diverse environment and like to build strong and enduring relationships. I am not afraid to challenge the status quo, if it means that it is a barrier to success.

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.