



29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Mrs Claire Littlewood  
Clerk to Melbourn Parish Council

Dear Claire

Thank you for your email of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

I enclose the questionnaire completed as far as I can. I wish to become a Parish Councillor to have some say in matters over which the Parish Council has powers or influence. I have noticed promising developments already but wish to be part of taking more forward.

Although I was not expressly asked for this, I would mention that for 10 years (well prior to the promulgation of the Nolan principles) I was myself a parish clerk (then unpaid!). I also had nearly 39 years' active practice in the law as a solicitor, though I should also mention that I was a specialist in areas other than public law. However much of the spirit of the Nolan principles is embodied in company law, knowledge of which was central to my practice.

My particular interests if co-opted would be in Planning and Finance and Governance, possibly also Maintenance.

I hope that the above satisfies your request for why I wish to join the Council and look forward to hearing further from you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Name : MICHAEL BARLEY

Experience and skills : Parish Councillors	Level of experience / skill (rate on scale of 1 (none) to 5 (extensive))				
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Understanding and/or experience of ...</b>					
Parish Council				✓	
Local government		✓			
Civil service	✓				
<b>Professional skills</b>					
Experience of chairing board / committee meetings		✓			
Experience of professional leadership			✓		
Financial planning / management				✓	
Mediation		✓			
IT			✓		
Strategic planning					
Training Received (please give brief details of specific area of training)					
<b>Skills that may be useful on Parish Council Committees</b>					
Financial planning / management				✓	
Procurement / tenders			✓		
Health and Safety		✓			
Insurance			✓		
Pensions				✓	
HR		✓			
Legal [please give brief details of specific area of expertise] CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL					✓
Premises and facilities management			✓		
<b>Please give brief details of particular local interest / knowledge</b>					
<u>Planning</u>			✓		
<u>Youth work</u>	✓				
<u>Conservation</u>	✓				
<u>Volunteering</u>	✓				

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Please give details of any particular area/s of the Parish Council where you feel you would benefit from additional support or training					
Planning update Laptop use					
There are seven Nolan principles that apply to the conduct of people in public life. Please give details that demonstrate when you have applied these principles in your work or other relevant examples:					
Selflessness : you should act in the public interest In my legal practice I had on occasion to report matters to regulatory authorities					
Integrity : you should not put yourself under any obligations to others, allow them improperly to influence you or seek benefit for yourself, family, friends or close associates					
Objectivity : you should act impartially, fairly and on merit					
Accountability : you should be prepared to submit to public scrutiny necessary to ensure accountability					
Openness : you should be open and transparent in your actions and decisions unless there are clear and lawful reasons for non-disclosure					
Honesty : you should always be truthful					
Leadership : as a councillor, you should promote, support and exhibit high standards of conduct and be willing to challenge poor behaviour See Selflessness above; clearly I undertake to act in accordance with this principle and those set out in the foregoing, once I join the Council.					

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## LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below to serve as a councillor)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes / No
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Are you 18 or over?	Yes / No
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(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below to serve as a councillor)

Are you on the electoral register for Melbourn?	Yes / No
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Have you lived either in the Parish of Melbourn, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes / No
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Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the Parish of Melbourn for at least a year?	Yes / No
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Have you had your only or main place of work in the Parish of Melbourn for at least a year? N/A (retired)	Yes / No
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## DISQUALIFICATIONS

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'No' to all of the questions below to serve as a councillor)

Are you the subject of a Bankruptcy Restrictions Order or Interim Order?	Yes / No
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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
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Are you disqualified by Order of a Court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes / No
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