



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF MR STUART ELLIS TO THE COUNCIL

Melton Parish Council currently has 13 members. The maximum number of councillors is 15. In response to the recent two casual vacancies that have arisen, no poll has been claimed following statutory notification and therefore the Council is able to fill both vacancies by co-option.

Two expressions of interest have been received. One candidate does not possess the statutory qualifications for becoming a Councillor and therefore cannot be considered. The other candidate is Mr Stuart Ellis, who has provided a short narrative about himself, which is set out below.

A synopsis of my past and present is as follows:-

I was born and bred in Melton. I joined the Army at 16, joining Junior Leaders, then onto the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment. Eleven years later, I left and joined the Prison Service, at Hollesley. I left the service 23 years later, as a Senior Manager. During those years I was a Retained Firefighter in Woodbridge for 11 years. I had to give all that up in 2009, when I lost my leg in a tragic accident. I have undertaken a bit of Management Consultancy work and the post as a Tug Driver at the Port of Felixstowe. I am now fully retired and enjoying my Charity golf and fishing. I am the local branch Chairman of BLESMA, The Limbless Veterans, and throughout the year, raise funds for them, The Oncourse Foundation and The Royal British Legion.

I was a Parish councillor here, a number of years ago, and was instrumental in getting the all weather 5 a side pitch.

Councillors are invited to consider the application by Mr Ellis, and pass a resolution accordingly.

William Grosvenor

Clerk to the Council

4 January 2018