

HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Are you passionate about your local area – do you want to support efforts to enhance the quality of life in Helsington and Brigsteer? If so, have you considered putting yourself forward to become a co-opted Member of Helsington Parish Council?

Following the elections to Parish Councils on 02 May 2024, Helsington Parish Council has a vacancy for two Members to take it to its full complement of seven Councillors. When a vacancy arises as a result of an election (as opposed to a resignation – a ‘casual vacancy’) then a Parish Council is empowered to co-opt an eligible person.

The main requirement for being a Councillor is that you care about the local community. That you can bring energy, passion and a desire to make a difference to Helsington as a place to live, work and visit. Parish Councillors find their roles interesting, varied and rewarding. If, like them, you possess positive energy, are a team player and care about the following things, being a Councillor could be for you:

- Being a voice for your community
- Making sure your community get the right services
- Supporting a resident with an issue
- Helping to shape your local community with new ideas

In summary, to be eligible to become a Parish Councillor by co-option, a candidate must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a British citizen or eligible Commonwealth citizen
- Meet at least one of the following 4 qualifications:
 - Be registered as a local government elector in the Parish in which you wish to stand
 - Occupy as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Parish during the whole of the 12 months before the date of co-option
 - Have had your main place of work within the Parish during the 12 months prior to the co-option
 - Lived in the Parish or within 3 miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the date of co-option
- Not be disqualified by reason of bankruptcy or having a criminal record

Anyone who fulfils eligibility criteria may express an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor or request further information by writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council (details below) confirming eligibility and providing a brief statement of why the role would be of interest.

The Parish Council will consider any expressions of interest and may interview candidates to assess the qualities that candidates can bring to the role. The Parish Council reserves the right not to co-opt as a result of an expression of interest.

The opportunity to submit an expression of interest will remain open until 31 August 2024 and any co-options will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on 03 September. If no candidates are co-opted as a result of this Notice, the Parish Council may thereafter co-opt a Parish Councillor without further notice.

Expressions of interest (email or by post) should be sent to:

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