

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 10TH 2024

Item 9 - To receive and note an update on the Co-Option of a Councillor for the Copythorne North Ward vacancy

Background

At the September 10th 2024 Council meeting it was reported that following a resignation, a Councillor vacancy existed in the Copythorne North ward. A notice of vacancy was added to the Council website and displayed on all noticeboards within the North Ward from September 12th to October 1st. As no request for an election was made, the Parish Council sought to fill the vacancy by Co-Option.

A notice inviting applications was added to all noticeboards and the website on October 9th 2024 with a closing date for applications of November 30th 2024. The vacancy was also posted on to the Council's Facebook page and shared with the Local area Facebook Group on October 25th 2024. In addition, it was advertised in the November 2024 Council newsletter which is also included in Stanley's Own Magazine.

It was hoped that a co-option would take place at the December 10th 2024 meeting of the Parish Council.

Current Position

No applications have been received.

Next Steps

A notice re-advertising the vacancy and inviting applications will be added to all noticeboards and the website on December 11th 2024 with a closing date for applications of January 31st 2025. The vacancy will also be posted on to the Council's Facebook page and shared with the Local area Facebook Group on the same day. In addition, it will be advertised in the January 2025 Council newsletter.

It is hoped that a co-option will take place at the February 11th 2025 meeting of the Council.

David Rigby

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

December 2nd 2024