



CARSINGTON & HOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (TWO POSITIONS)

The Electoral Services Department of Derbyshire Dales District Council has confirmed that the regulation 10 requests from electors have not been fulfilled and the Parish Council may now fill the two casual vacancies by co-option.

Notice is hereby given that two vacancies have arisen in the Office of Councillor for Carsington & Hopton Parish Council and we invite applicants to apply for co-option. It should be noted that the vacancies are specifically as follows:

One Vacancy – Carsington representative

One Vacancy – Hopton representative

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend bi-monthly meetings and to represent the electors of Carsington & Hopton in raising and discussing issues of interest on which the Parish Council is empowered to act. Please refer to the attached Appendix A = Qualifications to be a Councillor.

Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply by the **Friday 25th September 2026** to Frank Horsley, the Clerk to the Parish Council, by email clerk@carsingtonhopton-pc.gov.uk or in writing at the address below. Application should be via a personal statement outlining your motivations and suitability for the position. If possible, please include a CV if available.

Any applications will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on **Monday 28th September 2026** and applicants are invited to attend the meeting.

Should no applications be received, the vacancies will remain open with any subsequent applications received considered at the next available Full Council meeting.

Frank Horsley
Clerk to Carsington & Hopton Parish Council
69 Park Lane
Pinxton
Derbyshire
NG16 6PR

Appendix A

Qualifications to be a Councillor

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a Councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (that is, the day of nomination or election) they are 18 or over.

In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, or
- (2) during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or
- (3) during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or
- (4) during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

Except for qualification (1), these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections.

Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including the Clerk) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.