A Parish Councillor vacancy currently exists on Houghton Parish Council. The Council is a democratic public body where individual views and opinions are welcomed. By taking a place on the Parish Council you will be able to represent the village and bring your ideas to the table which will be considered, debated and resolved by a vote. It is your chance to have a say on the future of the village and to be part of the team considering matters such as housing and development, traffic and speeding, village assets and how public money is spent. Please see the information below and how to apply.

Notice is hereby given that, as no request was received for a by-election, the vacancy for a Parish Councillor (HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL) will be filled by co-option.

Electors who are interested in standing are invited to submit a letter, or email, of application to the Clerk by Thursday 22nd August 2024.

Appointments to the positions will be by majority vote of the Parish Council, at a meeting. Candidates may be invited to speak about themselves at this meeting.

Should you require further information, or wish to apply for the vacancy please contact the Clerk:

Mrs Clare Cotterell – Parish Clerk/RFO Email: <u>houghtonparishcouncil@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 07745 251319

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be:

- A British Citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth.
- 18 years of age or over.
- A registered Elector for the parish
- In the past twelve months either:
 - 1. Lived in the parish, or within 3 miles of it
 - 2. Occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish.
 - 3. Been employed, as principal or only employment, within the parish.

Applicants cannot:

- Have been convicted of a crime within the past 5 years.
- Have been made bankrupt.