

# Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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## CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR CHINLEY, BUXWORTH & BROWNSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

**Applications are now being sought from any suitably qualified person who wishes to stand for co-option onto the Parish Council.**

The Parish Council currently has one vacancy for the position of Parish Councillor. The casual vacancy was recently advertised for the statutory notice period and the Returning Officer has confirmed that no request for a by-election was received and that the Parish Council may now fill this vacancy by co-option.

### How to Apply

If you wish to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council, please email or write to the Clerk of the Council at the address above, to be received no later than **2pm on Tuesday 25 January 2022**. Please give a brief summary describing why you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, why you are the right candidate for the role and what you might hope to achieve. Copies of your letter or email will be forwarded to the current members (councillors) of Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council.

### Co-option Process

The co-option will be considered under an agenda item at the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on **Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 7:30pm in Chinley & Buxworth Community Centre, Lower Lane, Chinley**. All candidates for co-option are invited to attend this meeting and will be given the opportunity to make a short address to the Parish Council to describe why they wish to be considered for the position. Candidates will be invited to speak in the order in which their written applications were received. Time will also be allocated for members to ask questions of candidates.

If more than one candidate applies, the current councillors will be asked to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands at the meeting. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes will be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form to take up their role as Parish Councillor. They must also declare that they meet the relevant eligibility criteria. Please contact the Clerk for more detailed information related to qualification for holding office as a councillor.

### Further Information

If you would like further information about what is involved with the role, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk using the details above.