

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

Following the resignation of a member of the Parish Council, the Returning Officer at Maidstone Borough Council has confirmed that the regulation ten requests for an election has not been fulfilled and the Parish Council can now fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Rule 5(5) of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rule 2006 the Council will fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

The Council may co-opt any person who is at least 18 years of age and is either a British citizen, qualifying Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Republic of Ireland, citizen of the European Union or a European Union citizen with retained rights.

Provided the person also satisfies at least ONE of the following they may apply:

- Is an elector for the parish and continues to be an elector.
- Has resided in the parish for the past 12 months or rented/tenanted land in the parish.
- Has had his/her principal or only place of work in the parish for the past 12 months
- Has lived within 3 miles of the parish for the past 12 months.

There are certain disqualifications from being a parish councillor, of which the main are:

- Holding a paid office or employment under the Parish Council.
- Bankruptcy.
- Having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than 3 months, without the option of a fine, during the preceding 5 years.
- Being disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (relating to corrupt or illegal electoral practices).

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please submit a written expression of interest to the Clerk by 14th July 2025.

Following that date the Council will fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

Date: 2nd June 2025

Signed: Sharon Goodwin, Clerk to Hunton Parish Council