



NOTICE OF VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

Duston Parish Council currently has a vacancy for Parish Councillor in New Duston West ward.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please send an email to the Parish Clerk by Friday 11th February 2022 5pm with a statement as to why you want to become a parish councillor (no more than 400 words). In addition, you will be invited to address the Council (no more than 3 minutes) to add anything verbally to your statement. The statement itself will be circulated to current councillors but will not be published.

Please also by email or letter confirm to the Clerk that you meet the legal requirements stated below –

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and

- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.

- b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

- c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.

- d. You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Where more than one person put themselves forward the successful candidate is chosen by a majority vote of existing councillors.

Co-option is due to be decided at the Council meeting on the evening of 3rd March 2022 at Duston Community Centre.

Contact:

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