CO-OPTION POLICY

Parish Councillor Vacancy by Co-option

All councillors to receive application letters from candidates with their Agenda

At the meeting clerk will read out the list of candidates and then circulate a sheet of blank paper to all councillors who should then write down their preferred candidate.

The papers will be folded and then handed back to the clerk who will count them to make sure the requisite number of papers have been submitted. The clerk will then read out the names. The candidate with the most votes is elected.

If there is are more than 2 candidates and if there is no overall winner then the candidate with the lowest number of votes drops out and a new round of votes takes place.

This exhaustive system of eliminating the candidate with the lowest number of votes continues until either it is a straight contest between 2 candidates or there is one candidate with an overall majority. In the event of a tie the Chairman has the casting vote.

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