

### **Election by Co-option of a new councillor**

Due to the resignation of Councillor Coverley a vacancy has arisen. This has been notified to the monitoring officer and the required notice of vacancy placed in a public place in accordance with the law. The monitoring officer confirmed that there had been no request for an election and the council should co-opt to fill the vacant seat.

The vacancy was advertised and applications invited. One completed application was received and has already been circulated to councillors.

In line with previous procedure, the applicant(s) are invited to attend the council meeting and speak about themselves, explain why they wish to join the council and to ask and answer questions.

To follow democratic requirements, each applicant must be nominated and seconded by two separate councillors and receive an absolute majority of the vote.

In line with our standing orders, the vote will be by a show of hands. In line with previous procedure, the successful candidate will return to the next council meeting to take their oath of office and become a member of the council.