

## WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a casual vacancy has arisen in the office of **Councillor for Winkleigh Parish Council**.

An election to fill the vacancy was not requested by ten local government electors within the statutory period following the publication of the Notice of Vacancy, and **the Proper Officer has confirmed that no election will be held**.

In accordance with Section 21(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, **Winkleigh Parish Council will therefore fill the vacancy by co-option**.

To be eligible for co-option as a Parish Councillor, a person must be **at least 18 years of age** and a **British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland**, and must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Be registered as a local government elector for the parish of Winkleigh;
- Have occupied, as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of application;
- Have had their principal or only place of work in the parish during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of application; or
- Have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of application.

A person is **disqualified** from being a Parish Councillor if they:

- Are employed by Winkleigh Parish Council;
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order;
- Have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) within the last five years; or
- Are otherwise disqualified under any enactment relating to local authority membership.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Any person wishing to be considered for co-option should contact the **Parish Clerk by email** [clerk@winkleighpc.org](mailto:clerk@winkleighpc.org), who can provide further information about the role of a Parish Councillor and the co-option process.

**Completed self-nomination forms must be returned to the Parish Clerk and must be received by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*L Moorse*, Parish Clerk, Winkleigh Parish Council