

New Councillor Position Morningthorpe & Fritton Parish Council

Following the resignation of Councillor Patrick Cooper, there is one vacant seat on the parish council. The official South Norfolk District Council notice has been posted on the Morningthorpe & Fritton PC website and also will be posted on the two village noticeboards.

If, before 10 December, ten or more electors of this parish request it in writing (details on the SNDC notice), the vacant seat will be decided by public ballot. Please note that this affects the vacant seat only, and not the whole council.

If, on the other hand, a ballot is not demanded, the filling of the vacant seat will be achieved by co-option by the parish council. The normal procedure would be for people who express an interest in filling this vacancy are invited to attend the next parish council meeting. At the end of the meeting, when other members of the public have departed, each candidate (assuming there are two or more candidates) will be invited, one by one, to put forward a case for their candidacy.

After the candidates have departed, the councillors vote for their preferred candidate. If there is no clear winner (having 50% or more of the vote), the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and voting continues until one candidate emerges with a clear majority.

The candidates will be informed of the result within an agreed time – normally the next day.

That person becomes a full member of the council on completion of the Acceptance of Office form at the start of the next meeting.