

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (SECTION 87(2))
THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES) (AMENDMENT) RULES
PARISH COUNCIL OF CULGAITH

- (1) Two casual vacancies have arisen in the office of Councillor on the above-mentioned Council caused by the resignation of Cllrs P Jago (Culgaith Ward) and N Kuliszewski (Skirwith Ward)
- (2) If by Thursday 13th August, 2020 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish or Parish Ward, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.
- (3) Where ten valid requests for a by-election are received by the Proper Officer then under the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the by-election will not currently take place, and the vacancy will be held open until the by election takes place. The 2020 regulations provide for the by election to take place on the date for the Ordinary Election of Councillors due to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. Any Election that is In due course called will be duly publicised as required by law
- (4) The Returning Officer for Parish Elections is Rose Rouse, Town Hall, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7QF
- (5) It should also be noted that due the current restrictions imposed by the government with respect to working from home, attendance by staff at Eden District Council is limited and any requests will only be received by post and actioned when there are staff available.

Dated 23/7/2020

Signed



Parish Clerk

John Fleming
Culgaith Parish Council Clerk
Fell View, Blencarn, Penrith. CA10 1TX
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NOTES

- (1) This notice is for use where a vacancy occurs six months or more before the fourth day after the day of the next ordinary election.
- (2) In computing any period of time for the purposes of this notice a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, shall be disregarded.

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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23rd July 2020

Councillor Vacancies

Two vacancies have arisen for a Councillor, one from Culgaith Ward and the other from the Skirwith Ward

If you wish to apply please contact the Parish Clerk by **Thursday 13th August 2020**, with your full contact details and your reasons for putting your name forward to: -

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Culgaith Parish Council serves the villages of Culgaith, Skirwith, Blencarn and Kirkland.*

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must be qualified to stand for election. The Local Government Act 1972, Section 79, sets out the qualifications for standing as a candidate and the grounds for disqualification of a candidate.

On the day of nomination and the day of poll, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications:

a) Your name must appear on the register of local government electors for the parish/community at the time of your nomination and throughout your term of office should you be elected.

b) You have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish/community during 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/community area. You do not have to have paid employment to qualify, as long as your main or only place of work is in the parish/community area. For example, Councillors who's main or only job is being a councillor would be able to use this qualification, if their council office is within the parish/community.

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

You may be disqualified as a candidate if:

- You are employed by the parish/community Council or hold a paid office under the parish/community Council (including joint boards or committees).
- You have been declared bankrupt in the last five years and has not repaid your debts.
- You have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to at least three months imprisonment (including any suspended sentence) within the previous five years.
- You are disqualified due to corrupt practices under the Representation of the People Act 1983 or the Audit Commission Act.