



VACANCY FOR CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

An opportunity to join Choppington Parish Council

Do you value local democracy and want to shape where you live?

**Choppington Parish Council invites applications for a
co-opted Councillor for the ward of Stakeford.**

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government. Choppington Parish Council provides services including activities for children and for older people, allotments; runs play areas; provides seats, bus shelters and litter bins; gives grants to local groups; maintains open spaces and works in close partnership with local community groups.

The Council is non-partisan; it is run for the community, with services directed by the community through consultation with residents.

You will be joining 8 existing Councillors, with varied backgrounds and complementary skills, they are all active contributors in their own communities. A strong candidate will have a community connection and may have experience in private business or working within the third sector.

Councillors are expected to attend quarterly Parish meetings and a number of committees during the year. Training in the work of the council will be provided.

Please note

Interested persons must be a British Citizen or a qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizen, aged 18 years or over and:

- Have lived in the Parish or within three miles of it for the preceding twelve months
- Be a registered elector in the Parish: or
- Have occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the Parish for the preceding twelve months: or
- Have their principal or only place of work in the Parish for the preceding twelve months
- Must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor

In addition It is for potential candidates to ensure that they meet all of the requirements and should read the comprehensive guidance for candidates provided by the Electoral Commission - www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Any person wishing to apply for this vacancy should contact the Clerk for an application form by email info@choppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01670 858664.

All completed applications must be received by the Parish Clerk by noon on Tuesday 25th August 2026