

STANDING ORDER, 8

VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS (INCLUDING CO-OPTION AS A COUNCILLOR)

a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.

b At the request of at least three Councillors (a quorum for this Council) present at the meeting a secret ballot will be held. The Clerk will count the votes, the Chairman of the meeting will then announce the numerical result of the ballot once counted. A secret ballot is extremely unusual as it is not conducive to the principles of openness and transparency which are extremely important within local authority decision-making, including in this Parish. However, due to the small nature of the Parish, on very rare occasions, it will be used where an open vote may trigger disharmony amongst parishioners and Councillors.