



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (SECTION 87(2))

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for Oswestry Rural Parish Council following the resignation on 25 May 2020 of Councillor Shirley Jones.

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.

The rule allows **TEN ELECTORS** for the **Oswestry Rural parish Rhydygroesau and Llanforda Ward** in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy.* That request must be made within **FOURTEEN DAYS**, calculated in accordance with the rules, ** of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends **19 June 2020**.

Where ten valid requests for a by-election are received by the Returning Officer then under the provisions of The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus)(Postponement of Elections and Referendums)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the vacancy in the office of Councillor would, subject to further legislation, be filled at the poll at the next ordinary election of Councillors which is due to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021.

What if a request to hold an election is not received during the permitted time?

Rule 5(5) of the above Rules will apply. The Parish Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

The Returning Officer's address is:

Electoral Services, Shropshire Council, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND.

The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 1 June 2020

Issued by:

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* There is no form of words for this request, which might simply be a letter headed with such words as "We the undersigned being electors for the Ward of Morda with Sweeney of Oswestry Rural parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Councillor Freya Humphries". A template entitled "Request for an Election" is available to download from Shropshire Council's website – www.shropshire.gov.uk – under "Current Council Vacancies". It is helpful if the ten signatures are accompanied by printed names and addresses.

** In calculating the notice period, day one is the day following the date of this notice; a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall be disregarded, and the period closes at midnight on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.