

Hopton Wafers 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 HOPTON WAFERS PARISH COUNCIL following the resignation of Councillor Derek Bytheway.

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

The rule allows TEN ELECTORS for the parish 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 on 4th day of August 2022.

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, Shropshire SY2 6ND**

The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 15th day of July 2022.

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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 ... Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the [death][resignation] of ...". 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.