

Bitterley 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 the Bitterley Ward of **Bitterley Parish Council**, following the resignation on 20th November 2023 of Councillor Chillingworth.

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies. The rule allows **TEN ELECTORS** for Bitterley 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 at midnight on 9th January 2024.

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 For further guidance is telephone 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated: 15th December 2023

Michelle Parker Parish Clerk. 07943762988