

TONG 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 Parish of Tong following the resignation on 20th December 2023 of Councillor Annice Dixon

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

The rule allows that **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 days period ends on 26th January 2024 (midnight)

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

Clerk Mrs M Silver e-mail:tongparishcouncil@outlook.com

This notice is dated 8th January 2024

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*There is no form of words for this request which may simply be a letter headed with such words as 'We the undersigned being electors for the Parish of Tong call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Bird.' 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, Xmas Eve, Xmas Day, Good Friday or a 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.
