



## Wem 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 the Roden Ward of the  
Parish of Wem Rural  
following the resignation of Andrew Matthews

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

The rule allows **ten electors** for the 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 on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026

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

Rule 5(5) of the above Rules 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, Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, England SY3 8HQ and the telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026

Clerk to the Parish Council

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