



ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (s 87(2))

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for the **St George's West Ward** of the Parish of St Georges & Priorslee since Maureen Warner has been unable to complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office following her re-election as a parish councillor.

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 Thursday 12th July 2023.

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:

The Returning Officer
Darby House
Lawn Central,
Telford,
TF3 4JA

The telephone number for further guidance is (01952) 384280.

This notice is dated Thursday 22nd June 2023.

Vicky Brain
Clerk to the Council

* There is no set form of words for this request, which might simply be a letter headed with such words as "We the undersigned being electors for the St Georges West Ward of the Parish of St Georges & Priorslee, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the inability of Maureen Warner to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office ...". 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 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.