

WEM TOWN 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 **WEST** Ward of the Parish of **WEM URBAN** following the resignation on 4 NOVEMBER of Councillor MRS P HIGHMORE.

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 of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends on THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2009.

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, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6ND. The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 6 NOVEMBER 2009

Clerk to the Council

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 West Ward of Wem Urban, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Mrs Highmore.