

Melverley 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 Melverley following the resignation on 30th January 2019 of Councillor Stuart Clarke.

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

The rule allows 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-day period ends on 22nd February 2019.

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**

The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 4th February 2019

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* 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 Parish of Melverley, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of ...". However, a template entitled "Request for a By Election" is available to download from the Parish Council website (www.milverleypc.org.uk) or by request to the clerk at milverleypc@gmail.com