

## **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 **Kidsgrove Town Council (Newchapel and Mow Cop Ward)** following the passing away of **Cllr John Dodgson**.

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

The rule allows **TEN ELECTORS** for the Kidsgrove (Newchapel and Mow Cop Ward) in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy<sup>1</sup>. That request must be made within **FOURTEEN DAYS**, calculated in accordance with the rules<sup>2</sup>, of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

Regulation 6 of The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 currently defers an election (if called) until Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It should be noted however, that the Government has indicated that the situation will be kept under review and, if safe to do so, further legislation will be laid that will permit an election sooner than this date.

#### **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 Town 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, Castle House,  
Barracks Road, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 1BL**

The telephone number for further guidance is 01782 717717.

**This notice is dated Friday 17th April 2020**

**Sue Davies, Clerk to Kidsgrove Town Council  
Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road  
Kidsgrove  
Staffordshire  
ST7 4EL**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (Ward of)...Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the (death)(resignation) of...". It is helpful if the ten signatures are accompanied by printed names and addresses.

<sup>2</sup> 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. Rule 5(2) of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 now applies.