Westbury 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 *Westbury Ward*, following the death on *11th October* of Councillor Owen.

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

The rule allows **SEVEN ELECTORS** for Westbury Ward 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 ***27th November 2026***.

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 Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 8HQ

The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated ***9th November 2026***

Rachel Reid Westbury Parish Clerk and RFO clerk@westbury-pc.gov.uk 07388 81327

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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 Westbury Ward of Westbury Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the death of Cllr Owen". A template entitled "Request for an Election" is available to download from Shropshire Council's website – www.shropshire.gov.uk - under "Current Council Vacancies". 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. Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.