



## **DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87(2))**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for the Smallhill Road Ward of the Parish of Dawley Hamlets following non-attendance of Councillor Stefan Heighway at meetings for a period of six months, as at 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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 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 9<sup>th</sup> April 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 Office, Darby House, Telford & Wrekin Council, Lawn Central, Telford TF3 4JA and his telephone number for further guidance is (01952) 381889.

This notice is dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

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Clerk to the Council

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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 [Ward of] ... Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the [resignation][disqualification][ death][non-attendance] of ...". 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.