

Trudi Deane
Parish Clerk to Laverstock and Ford

Electoral Services
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN
13 December 2023

Dear Trudi Deane

Casual Vacancy - Laverstock & Ford Parish Council
Parish Ward - Laverstock & Ford (Bishopdown Farm Ward)

I refer to your notification of a vacancy and enclose a copy of the statutory Notice of Vacancy. The Notice may be copied as required but must be displayed in a prominent position within the Parish Ward of Laverstock & Ford (Bishopdown Farm Ward).

An election to fill the vacancy will be held if TEN electors from the Parish Ward of Laverstock & Ford (Bishopdown Farm Ward) write to the Returning Officer by 9 January 2024 asking for an election to be held. If an election is not requested by that date, then the vacancy must be filled by co-option as soon as practicable. I will write to you again after 9 January 2024 to let you know whether there will be an election, or whether the Laverstock & Ford Parish Council may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Town and Parish Councils must consider whether they wish to request poll cards for each by-election. It has become common practice to send poll cards for all elections as this promotes more democratic engagement. Poll cards need to be prepared about the same time the Notice of Election is published. This is so they can be printed and posted as soon as possible to enable electors to be notified of the statutory deadlines if they wish to change their voting methods. However, this will be an area for your Town/Parish Council to consider when a vacancy occurs and more appropriately, if an election is triggered. You may wish to have a council resolution in place delegating power to an individual to make that decision, or a blanket decision on whether or not poll cards are required.

Finally, if an election is requested, Electoral Services will provide the council with an estimated cost of a contested election and uncontested election. Included in the figures will be costs for poll card printing and postage which may help with your decision on poll cards. The costs are bespoke to the individual Parish Ward and depend on many factors including number of polling stations hired, number of postal voters etc. If you would like a quote at any time, for this Parish Ward, please let us know and we can provide this for you.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Terence Herbert
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NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

LAVERSTOCK & FORD (BISHOPDOWN FARM WARD)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that due to the resignation of Tom Maskell, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for Laverstock & Ford Parish Council.

If by 9 January 2024 (14 days after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors from the Parish Ward of Laverstock & Ford (Bishopdown Farm Ward), an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place no later than 12 March, 2024.

Please note any requests to hold an election **MUST** be delivered only to the address below.

Dated 15 December 2023

Terence Herbert
Returning Officer
Electoral Services, Wiltshire Council
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In computing any period of time for this purpose, a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, bank or public holidays or any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning must be disregarded.