

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH OF PUDDLETOWN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, that **Phil Drake** has ceased to be a Member of the Parish Council, and that a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If within 14 days after the date of this notice (i.e. no later than 14 January 2021), a request for an election to fill the vacancy is received by the Returning Officer, either by email, elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, or by post, to South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ by TEN electors who are registered in the Parish of Puddletown, where the vacancy has arisen, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, a poll will take place on the 6 May 2021 as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Coronavirus Act 2020.

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 casual vacancy elections and referendums sooner than the 6 May 2021. If this is the case we will publish a revised notice.

Dated 21 December 2020

Ms A Bendall
Clerk to Puddltown Area Parish Council

* In computing any period of time for this purpose, a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday or day appointed for thanksgiving or mourning must be disregarded.