

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a casual vacancy has occurred in the Office of Councillor for the East Ward of Paddock Wood Town Council following the resignation of Councillor Stephen Barrett.

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

The rule allows for ten local government electors for the East Ward of Paddock Wood Town Council to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy. If by 12th October 2020 (fourteen days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice*) a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing or emailed to the Returning Officer:

The Returning Officer

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

Town Hall

Royal Tunbridge Wells

TN1 1RS

elections@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

by TEN electors for the said ward of Paddock Wood Town Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy.

If an election is requested, under current legislation a poll cannot take place until 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. If no election is called the vacancy will be filled via the Council's adopted Co-Option Procedure.

This notice is dated 22nd September