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24 October 2023

Dear Mrs Purves

**Casual Vacancy - Firsdown Parish Council  
Parish - Firsdown**

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 of Firsdown.

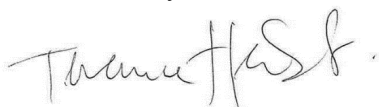
An election to fill the vacancy will be held if TEN electors from the Parish of Firsdown write to the Returning Officer by 16 November 2023 asking for an election to be held. If an election is not requested by that date, then the vacancy must be filled by co-option as soon as practicable. I will write to you again after 16 November 2023 to let you know whether there will be an election, or whether the Firsdown 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 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, please let us know and we can provide this for you.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Terence Herbert**  
**Electoral Registration Officer**  
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# NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

## Firsdown Parish Council

### FIRSDOWN

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that due to the resignation of Paul Kennedy, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for Firsdown Parish Council.

If by 16 November 2023 (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 of Firsdown, 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 23 January, 2024.

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

Dated 27 October 2023

Terence Herbert  
Returning Officer  
Electoral Services, Wiltshire Council  
County Hall  
Bythesea Road  
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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.