## **Parish Vacancies**

Please let the Electoral Services office here at Mid Devon District Council know in writing (either post or email) the name of the person who has resigned/been disqualified/passed away.

We will then send you a Notice of Vacancy. This gives registered electors in the parish the opportunity to call an election to fill the vacancy if they wish. They have 14 working days to contact us to do this. (The day the notice goes up doesn't count in the calculation as it's not a complete day).

The notice needs to be displayed in public places in the parish as soon as practicable and we need to know which day you put it up so we can calculate the 14 working days for the deadline for election requests. We will then contact you after the deadline to let you know if the required 10 signatures requesting an election have been received.

If we don't receive the requests, you may go ahead and co-opt a new councillor. I attach information about co-option. Lesley or Cara at the Devon Association of Parish Councils will be able to give further advice on co-option - tel: 01392 382534, Email: <a href="mailto:lesley@devonrcc.org.uk">lesley@devonrcc.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:cara@devonrcc.org.uk">cara@devonrcc.org.uk</a>

If an election is requested, the Electoral Services office will guide you through the election procedures.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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