

AGENDA 8, Enc iii) Clerk's Note - Casual Vacancy – Hirst Ward

Following the sad passing of Councillor Victor Bridges, a casual vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for Hirst Ward.

In accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the formal Notice of Vacancy was published on **3rd September 2025**, following Councillor Bridges' funeral, as permitted.

Electors of the ward have until **23rd September 2025** (14 working days, excluding weekends and bank holidays, from the date of publication) to request that an election be held. If ten or more electors make such a request to the Returning Officer, a by-election will be arranged.

If no request is received by the deadline, the Town Council will be able to fill the vacancy by **co-option**. Should this be the case, the matter will be added to the agenda of the **Full Council meeting on 30th September 2025** in accordance to confirm the process and timetable for co-option, in accordance with our Co-option Policy.

Members are asked to note the position.