

# NOTICE OF POSTPONED ELECTION

## Uttlesford District Council

### Election of Councillor(s) for the

### Saffron Walden Town Council (Little Walden Ward)

1. Further to the recent Notice of Casual Vacancy published for the above area, valid requests by ten local government electors to fill a casual vacancy by election has been received by the Returning Officer.
2. In response to the Covid-19 emergency, the UK government has passed the Coronavirus Act 2020 which provides for Regulations to postpone polls up to 6 May 2021 for a specified period.
3. A date for a poll will not be fixed until said Regulations have been issued, the public health situation become stable and amended by Ministerial Order.
4. A revised Notice of Election detailing the election timetable will be published by the Returning Officer on Town Council notice boards and [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) once a date for the Poll to take place has been established.

Dated: Wednesday 30 September 2020

Dawn French  
Returning Officer

## Saffron Walden Town Council vacancy

Please be advised that, following receipt of 10 requests to fill the current vacancy on the Saffron Walden Town Council (Little Walden ward) the Returning Officer, now calls an Election.

In the normal course of events this would be within 60 working days of the publication of the Notice of Casual Vacancy. However, provisions within the Coronavirus Act 2020 have suspended ALL electoral processes until 6 May 2021 unless amended by Ministerial Order.

For clarity therefore I have listed below the process which will be followed by the Returning Officer.

From June 2020:

- 1) Publication of Notice of Postponement (attached)
- 2) Parish Council will be notified of the Vacancies subject to Election
- 3) Parish Council will be advised that co-option to the vacancy will **NOT** be authorised.

In line with the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020, once authorised by Ministerial Order the following steps will be undertaken:

- 4) The date of the Election will be determined;
- 5) Publication of the ([www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)) Notice of Election and formal electoral timetable;
- 6) Receive formal Nomination forms; and
- 7) Conduct the Election.

I hope this clearly sets out the process that will be followed going forward.

Dated: Wednesday 30 September 2020

Dawn French  
Returning Officer