

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To make arrangements for a by-election as the Parish Council is inquorate.

2 Recommendation

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| 2.1 That an Order be made under Section 39 of the Representation of the People Act, 1983 directing the Returning Officer to hold an election for the vacant seats on Hardwick Parish Council on a date to be determined by him. |
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3 Supporting Information

- 3.1 There are five seats on Hardwick Parish Council. Three candidates were returned unopposed at the May, 2007 elections but one resigned before the first meeting of the new Parish Council.
- 3.2 The quorum for a Parish Council is three or one third of the total membership whichever is the greater. As Hardwick Parish Council is now inquorate, it cannot fill the vacancies through co-option and an election must be held.
- 3.3 Section 39 of the Representation of the People Act, 1983 enables the District Council to do anything which is necessary or expedient to hold an election for the Parish Council so that it is properly constituted.

4 Options Considered

- 4.1 None.

5 Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 The election will enable additional Councillors to take office and for the Parish Council to be able to continue to function.

6 Resource Implications

- 6.1 The cost of the election will be met by the Parish Council.

7 Response to Key Aims and Outcomes

- 7.1 This will ensure that there is a fully functioning Parish Council to provide services for and to represent the interests of the local community.