

**PRESS RELEASE**

**NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

Two vacancies on Nantwich Town Council will have to be filled within weeks.

Following the death of Councillor Keith Healey (who sat for the Birchin ward of the Town Council) and the resignation of Councillor Paul Abbott (who sat for the Weaver ward), two of the twelve places on the Town Council are now empty.

Town Clerk Riddell Graham explains:-

“The procedure is that a vacancy for the two Councillors is advertised, simply by placing a notice on the Town Council notice board. Residents then have up to the 6<sup>th</sup> February to ask for an election. If an election is requested, by at least 10 residents Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council will arrange it. If no election is requested, then the existing Town Councillors can fill the two vacancies by co-opting anyone they consider suitable onto the Council.”

More information can be obtained from Mr Graham (01270 619224) or Mr Ralph Bason at the Borough Council (01270 537777). Councillor Healey died suddenly on 31<sup>st</sup> October, last year and Councillor Abbott has recently resigned for personal reasons. Mr Healey lived on the Broadway and represented the easterly part of the town. Mr Abbott lives in Gerard Drive and, before he resigned, was one of the Councillors representing the westerly part of the town, around the Welsh Row area.

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