



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 19:15.**
THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE COVID:19.

Present: Cllr S Barker (Chair), Cllr C Bridger, Cllr M Colman, Cllr C Finlay, Cllr A Petty, Cllr N Sherlaw, Cllr D Waller, Cllr R Zahidi

Apologies:

Also in attendance: Ms J Miller (Clerk & Proper Officer), Mrs G Jackson (Deputy Clerk); 13 Members of the Public.

FC20/228. To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.
There were none.

Cllr Zahidi entered the meeting at 19.21

FC20/229. To receive Declarations of Interest & lobbying.
There were none.

Parish Councillor Vacancy Co-option Interviews and voting

FC20/230. To agree co-option process.
It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the following process:-

- To give each candidate 10 minutes.
- To start with the following 5 template questions:
 - Why have you applied for the position of councillor?
 - What skills of expertise would you bring to the parish council?
 - Given the current financial position of the council what measures would you do to improve the finances.
 - What community facilities should be improved for community groups?
- To interview candidates in order of surname.
- Candidates will be appointed by majority vote.

FC20/231. Further to receiving the NALC legal briefing on co-options where it states that:

- the co-option process should be transparent; and
- that it would be difficult for a local council to argue that there are special reasons which justify excluding the public during a council meeting, (s.1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) when it is making decisions about a matter of public interest such as co-option.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of public from the meeting.

Meeting closed to public at 19.40

FC20/232. To conduct interviews.
Seven candidates were interviewed.

Cllr Bridger left the meeting at 20.04 re-entered the meeting at 20.07

FC20/233. It was **RESOLVED** to carry out the voting process in closed session and advise the candidates of the results the next working day.

The meeting was opened to the public at 21.14.

Cllr Bridger left the meeting at 21.16 and re-entered the meeting at 21.17

FC20/234. Members of the public were informed that candidates would be advised of the result of the vote the next working day, via the clerk.

Meeting closed to the public 21.16.

FC20/235. To appoint successful candidates.
It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Falzon-Thomas, Mr Kassem-Toufic, Mrs Kirk and Mr Redding be co-opted onto the Council.

FC20/236. The meeting closed at 21.23

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