



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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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