

HIGH MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

17 January 2023 - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

In attendance: Councillors: Martin Pick, Dave Jones and Ward Councillors Cynthia Ransom and Glenn Bluff (attending on authorisation from DMBC to establish quorum), and Six members of the public and three applicants for the Parish Council vacancies. Also present was Paul Rollinson, Clerk.

- 1. Appointment of Chair for this meeting.** The Clerk welcomed councillors and members of the public. Resolution: Councillor Martin Pick was appointed Chair of this part of the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** None.
- 3. Declarations of Members' Interests:** None given.
- 4. Expressions of interest/applications for co-option of Ordinary Members – Three Vacancies (including vote) (Proposed Closed Item)**

The Parish Council has received expressions of interest from three residents. Each then provided information about their background and explained the reasons for standing for Parish Councillor.

Resolution: Closed item to discuss the applications for Co-option.

Resolution: All three eligible for the role and all appointed: Joyce Godfrey, Joan Herrero, and Tom Hunt.

5. Ward Councillors stand down from the Parish Council

Ward Councillors Ransome and Bluff stood down from the Parish Council.

Ward Councillors Ransome and Bluff left the meeting at 1947hrs.

6. Newly Co-opted Parish Councillor Declarations

New Members were provided with acceptance of office forms and register of interest for completion.

7. To Carry out Election of Chair and Declaration of Office

Proposal for Councillor Martin Pick as Chair. Proposed by Councillor David Jones and seconded by Councillor Tom Hunt

Resolution: Martin Pick appointed as Chair and signed declaration of office

8. To Carry Out Election of Vice-Chair

Proposal for Councillor David Jones as Vice Chair. Proposed by Councillor Tom Hunt and seconded by Councillor Joan Herrero

Resolution: Councillor David Jones appointed Vice Chair

9. To Review and agree Councillors' Internal Special Responsibilities

Internal Bodies:

- Staffing Committee: Councillors David Jones and Joan Herrero
- Policies: Councillors David Jones, Joan Herrero, Paul Rollinson, Parish Clerk
- Grants: Councillor Joan Herrero and Tom Hunt
- Traffic Group: Councillor Joyce Godfrey and Tom Hunt
- Gardening Group: Joan Herrero
- Planning: Councillors Martin Pick and David Jones

Clerk to contact groups regarding new Parish Council representatives.

10. To Review and agree commitments to External Bodies

External bodies:

- PCJCC: Councillors Martin Pick and David Jones as deputy
- Joint Rural Parish: Councillors David Jones and Joan Herrero
- BDR Group: Councillor Joyce Godfrey
- Banks Group: Councillors Joan Herrero and Tom Hunt
- Ward Councillors: Councillors David Jones and Martin Pick

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11. To Receive Planning Updates

a) Erection of a new pole with Existing overhead Line. b) Installation of a ground mounted solar PV system. c) Change of use of former students' union building to single residential dwelling. d) Screening opinion for an environment impact assessment of the proposed development of Melton Park. e) pruning of trees and branches with the High Melton conservation area. f) Access track and lagoon awaiting a decision.

12. To Receive Financial Updates

a. Motion to proceed with New Financial Banking Mandate and agree signatories

Resolution: Parish Council signatories be updated and Councillors Martin Pick and David Jones to be added as signatories in addition to Paul Rollinson, Clerk.

13. Motion to consider issuing letters following Parish Councillor resignations

Deferred.

14. To note date of next meeting.

30 January 2023 subject to venue availability.

15. Public Session:

Residents mentioned points in relation to a) A proposed letter to former Parish Councillors is to thank them for their service and would come from the Clerk. b) A resident wished the Parish Council best of luck. c) Positive feedback from the carol service at the Church. d) The Clerk acknowledged receiving information for the pension regulator which the Parish Council contact details will need to be updated.

Signed:  _____

Date: 25/1/23