

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2019

Present: Cllrs: T Griffin (Vice Chairman) M Dury, C Lewis, P O'Leary, P Orchard, V Perry,
Mr Paul May (Ward Councillor) Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) Mrs M Watts (Assistant Clerk) and two members of the public.

Mr Griffin took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2019/01 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr Griffin requested nominations for the Chairmanship, Mr N Kirk the present Chairman, has indicated he will stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Kirk is Chairman for 2019/2020.

It was agreed that Mr Kirk will sign the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the next meeting.

2019/02 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr Griffin requested nominations for Vice Chairman, Mr Griffin indicated that he is happy to stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Griffin is Vice-Chairman for 2019/2020.

Mr Griffin signed the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2019/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs N Kirk, R Chandler, M Donovan & J Pearce who were unable to attend the meeting due to family and work commitments. These apologies and the reason for non-attendance were accepted by all present at the meeting.

2019/04 TO CO-OPT TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL

Mrs Patricia Orchard has indicated she would like to be co-opted onto the Village Council, she gave a brief summary of her connections to the village. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt her onto the Council and she was welcomed by the Chairman.

2019/05 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS UNDER WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

None received.

2019/06 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES

a) Finance

Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), M Dury, A Griffin, P O'Leary, V Perry

b) Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment/Community Gardens

Cllrs: M Donovan (Chairman), V Perry, P O'Leary, P Orchard, C Lewis

c) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: A Griffin (Chairman), R Chandler, M Donovan, C Lewis, P Orchard

It was resolved that members on the committees are elected as listed above.

2019/07 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-

- a) **B&NES Avon Local Councils Association –**
The Clerk and Councillor
- b) **Parish Liaison –** The Clerk and Councillor
- c) **Keynsham/Chew Valley Area Forum meetings**
M Dury – Chew Valley Forum
Councillor – Keynsham Area Forum

It was agreed that all meetings will be advertised and a representative agreed at that time.

2019/08 TO DECLARE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk explained what the General Power of Competence is; it allows councils to do anything that individuals may do, unless it is forbidden by other legislation. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides for a new GPC for councils in England and is available to parish and town councils which meet conditions of eligibility.

To qualify as an 'eligible parish council' a parish council in England must meet conditions prescribed by the Secretary of State in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This order says that, to be eligible to use the GPC, parish councils must meet the following conditions:

1. The council has resolved at a meeting of the council and each subsequent relevant annual meeting that it meets the conditions in paragraph 2 below.
2. At the time a resolution under paragraph 1 is passed-
 - (a) The number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election, is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council.
 - (b) The clerk to the parish council holds-
The Certificate in Local Council Administration including CiLCA section 7 module.

It was resolved that Whitchurch Village Council meets the prescribed conditions and is therefore an eligible council.

Meeting closed at 7.50.p.m.