

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), T Griffin (Vice Chairman) S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, J Fox, C Lewis, P O'Leary, P Orchard, J Pearce, V Perry, District Councillor Paul May B&NES & Mrs S Dyer (Clerk)

N Kirk the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

T Griffin (Vice Chairman) took the Chair and thanked the Chairman for all his input during the last couple of years, which have been very challenging at times. Also how he strives to keep the village as a village.

2021/01 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr Griffin requested nominations for the Chairman, N Kirk the present Chairman, indicated he will stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr N Kirk is Chairman for 2021/2022.

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

Mr Kirk took the Chair and thanked Mr Griffin for his support during this time.

2021/02 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman requested nominations for a Vice Chairman, Mr Griffin indicated that he is happy to stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr T Griffin is Vice-Chairman for 2021/2022.

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

2021/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None all Councillors were present.

2021/04 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS UNDER WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

None received.

2021/05 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES

a) Finance

Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bryant, M Dury, T Griffin, P O'Leary, V Perry

b) Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment/Community Gardens

Cllrs: P O'Leary (Chairman), J Fox, C Lewis, P Orchard, J Pearce, V Perry

c) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: T Griffin (Chairman), R Chandler, J Fox, C Lewis, P Orchard

d) Staff Committee

Cllrs: S Bryant, R Chandler, N Kirk

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

2021/06 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-

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

Chew Valley Forum – M Dury

Keynsham Area Forum – Advertise the meeting date

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

2021/07 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.