

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2022

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bangham, M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, P O'Leary, P Orchard, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) & District Councillor Paul May B&NES

The Clerk read out a statement from T Griffin (Vice Chairman) thanking the Chairman for his leadership during the last year. The Chair's job is not easy at times, either during meetings or outside and he would like to recognise his good stewardship throughout the year. He has lead us to focus on Whitchurch as a village and his ideas and plans are to be congratulated. I hope he stands for Chair again.

2022/01 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Nominations for the Chairman were requested, 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 2022/2023.

Cllr N Kirk signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2022/02 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 has indicated that he does not wish to stand again.

After a discussion it was agreed that this will be deferred to the June Village Council meeting as five Councillors are not in attendance this evening.

2022/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs S Bryant, R Chandler, T Griffin, C Lewis & V Perry, who are unable to attend due to either illness or family commitments.

These apologies and reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

2022/04 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS UNDER WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

Mark Dury declared an interest in agenda item 5.c)

2022/05 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES

a) Finance

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

b) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: S Bryant, R Chandler, J Fox-Bowen, T Griffin, C Lewis, P Orchard

c) Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment/Community Gardens

Cllrs: P O'Leary (Chairman), M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, C Lewis, P Orchard, V Perry

d) Staff Committee

Cllrs: S Bryant, R Chandler, N Kirk

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

2022/06 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 – J Fox-Bowen & P Orchard

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

2022/07 TO DECLARE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk explained that ALCA confirmed that the Village Council does not have to declare it meets the conditions of eligibility at every annual meeting, only at the relevant annual meeting (that is, an annual meeting that takes place in a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors).

Therefore Whitchurch Village Council meets the prescribed conditions and is therefore an eligible council.

Meeting closed at 7.45.p.m.