

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2024

Present: Cllrs: M Dury (Vice Chairman), S Bangham, R Chandler, P O'Leary, P Orchard, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) & District Councillor Paul May B&NES.

Mark Dury (Vice Chairman) took the meeting as the Chairman was not in attendance.

2024/01 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 has indicated he will stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr N Kirk is Chairman for 2024/2025.

Cllr N Kirk will need to sign the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office by 17th May 2024.

2024/02 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman requested nominations for a Vice Chairman, M Dury the present Vice Chairman agreed to stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr M Dury is Vice Chairman for 2024/2025 and he subsequently signed the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance form.

2024/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs N Kirk, A Currie, J Fox-Bowen & C Lewis who are unable to attend due to family or work commitments.

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

2024/04 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

Cllr M Dury declared an interest in agenda item 5 d) Staff Committee.

2024/05 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES

a) Finance

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

b) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: R Chandler, J Fox-Bowen, 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 Bangham, R Chandler, N Kirk

It was resolved that members on the committees are elected as listed above. As several Councillors were not at the meeting it was resolved to consider appointing more committee members at the next meeting in June.

2024/06 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-

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

Chew Valley Forum – M Dury

Keynsham Area Forum – J Fox-Bowen

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

Meeting closed at 7.40.p.m.