

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Lyndhurst Parish Council held by Zoom on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Councillors C Willsher (Chair), S Se-Upara (Vice Chair), T Dunning, B Preddy, C Read, G Reeve and A Wiltshire.

267. Disclosures of Interest

None.

268. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that an apology for absence had been received in writing from Councillor Green who had recently suffered a family bereavement. The Chairman asked Councillors if they were willing to accept this as a valid reason for non attendance and it was agreed. There were no other apologies for absence.

269. Exclusion of the Press and Public

In accordance with Paragraph 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Councillors present agreed to resolve that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Minutes 270 to 272 owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing the information.

Councillors were reminded that they must remain in the room in full view at all times while interviews took place in order to be eligible to vote.

270. Interviews for the two Parish Councillor Vacancies

Four interviews took place for two vacancies allowing time for a short presentation from each candidate, together with the same questions from Councillors. A further interview also took place, which together with three of the four earlier round interviews, went forward for consideration for the second vacancy.

271. Decision on appointment for first vacancy

Voting took place by SurveyMonkey resulting in Jim Green being first choice to fill the position.

272. Decision on appointment for second vacancy

Voting took place by SurveyMonkey resulting in Jeannie Smith being first choice to fill the position.

Jim Green and Jeannie Smith were invited back into the meeting and both accepted the vacant positions of Parish Councillor and were formally co-opted, although it was stated by the Chair that they could not vote at meetings until they had signed declarations of interests and acceptance of office. The other candidates were invited back and thanked by the Chair for attending and all left the meeting.

273. Parish Council iPads

It was noted that, on her resignation, the Revd Dr Wilkins had returned her Parish Council owned iPad but Mark Rollé, on his resignation had indicated that his iPad had become unfit for purpose and he had scrapped it. Although it was felt that he should have returned the iPad in order that it could be deleted from the LPC asset register and written off it was agreed that no further action be taken. Councillor Smith stated that she already had an iPad and would be prepared to utilise it for LPC business.

Existing Councillors were asked if their iPads were still fit for purpose and this seemed to be the case.

RESOLVED: That the remaining LPC iPad be taken up by Councillor J Green and that he should sign the necessary documentation when it was available.

274. Information regarding next LPC Meeting

The Chair stated that there would be two LPC meetings on Tuesday 11 May 2021. The first would be the Annual Meeting followed by the usual Parish Council Meeting.

The Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman _____

Date _____