



**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 in the Parish Council Meeting Room**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. C. Gilsenan (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs. M Beadle  
Councillor S. Crowther,  
Councillor C. Everett,  
Councillor Mrs. V. Greenwell,  
Councillor M. Robertson,  
Councillor M. Wilson  
Alan Macnab, Clerk.

**In attendance:** 2 Members of the Public.

The meeting started at 6.30 p.m.

**258. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors Mrs. D. Jones, B. Jones and S. York.

**259. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

**260. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that Councillor C. Pease had resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council and as a Parish Councillor with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

Councillor Mrs. Greenwell proposed that the election of Chairman be deferred to the meeting of the Parish Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Following a discussion, Councillor Mrs. Greenwell agreed to withdraw her motion.

The Parish Council **agreed** to elect a new Chairman at the meeting. The Clerk asked the Parish Council for nominations for the post of Chairman.

Councillor M. Wilson was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Beadle and seconded by Councillor C. Everett.  
Councillor Mrs. C. Gilsenan was proposed by Councillor S. Crowther and seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Greenwell.

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The Parish Council agreed that a secret ballot be conducted to elect a Chairman overseen by the Clerk.

The Clerk received the voting slips from the Parish Councillors and declared that the voting for the new Chairman was as follows:

Councillor M. Wilson – 4 votes.

Councillor Mrs. C. Gilsenan – 3 votes.

The Clerk declared that Councillor M. Wilson was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2017-18 year.

Councillor M. Wilson chaired the meeting.

### **261. Declarations of Casual Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

The Clerk explained that following the resignation of Councillors C. Pease and A. Hill the Parish Council must formally declare their posts as Casual Vacancies. The vacancies must be notified to the Elections Officer at Darlington Borough Council who will arrange for an advertisement for the two vacancies to be drawn up and displayed for 14 working days in the Town Hall and the Parish Council's noticeboards, website and Facebook page. If 10 electors notify the Elections Officer that they want an election, an election must be held. However if there is no demand for an election at the expiry of the 14 working day period the Parish Council can co-opt to the vacancies.

The Clerk reported that the co-option to the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor Mrs. E. Robertson would be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and he hoped that the two further vacancies could be filled by co-option at the same meeting if an election was not demanded.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Greenwell and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Beadle that the Parish Council declare that two Parish Councillor vacancies exist. The Parish Council **agreed** that two Parish Councillor vacancies exist and asked the Clerk to notify the Elections Officer at Darlington Borough Council to enable the vacancies to be advertised.

### **262. Vote of Thanks to Councillors C. Pease and A. Hill**

The Parish Council agreed that a vote of thanks be made to Councillors C. Pease and A. Hill for their service and commitment to the Parish Council.

### **263. Date of next meeting**

The meeting was notified that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Council Meeting Room**. Councillor M. Robertson submitted his apologies in advance of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

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