

Lapford Parish Council Meeting 28th February 2024

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There was a meeting of Lapford Parish Council on Tuesday 28th February 2024 at 7.00pm held in the Orchard Centre, Lapford

Members Present: Cllrs Julie Down; Sue Briant-Evans; Steven Fletcher; Stacey Lumsdon; Roy Andrews; Alex Shapland; Ian Wilkie.

Also Present: No-one

In attendance: Rob Martin (Clerk)

Others: 3 members of the public.

MINUTES

2324-259 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Graham (Sickness) which was accepted by the parish council.

Cllr. Burrows had indicated that he was resigning as a parish councillor with immediate effect. The clerk had already started the process of notifying the District Council of the vacancy and the advertisement for a potential by-election would be posted on 29th February 2024.

2324-260 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY)

All councillors present declared personal interests because they all knew both Peter Heal and George French.

2324-261 MINUTES

On a proposal by Cllr. Briant-Evans, seconded by Cllr. Wilkie it was **Resolved** to adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2024 as a correct record.

2324-262 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The parish council had received four applications from residents wishing to be co-opted as a councillor, from

- a) Peter Heal
- b) Kay Sanderson
- c) George French
- d) Kriss Cottrell

The clerk had received emails from two of the applicants indicating that they were not going to be considered at this meeting. Kay Sanderson was unwell and would consider a future position whilst Kriss Cottrell indicated that he was withdrawing from the process.

Following a process of questioning and answering, on a proposal by the chairman, it was unanimously **Resolved** that **Peter Heal** be co-opted as a councillor.



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George French had indicated during his session that he was concerned about how the parish council conducted its business at times and councillors were grateful for his insight. He was thanked for his attendance and advised that there would shortly be a further vacancy available either by means of a by-election or co-option should he still wish to join the council.

Cllr. Peter Heal signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly joined the rest of the meeting.

2324-263 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIR

The chairman had no further matters to raise.

2324-264 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr. Heal was concerned about the condition of the Yeo Valley Cottage site and he believed the parish council should get a Section 215 notice served on the owners.

2324-265 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.

2324-266 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.20pm



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