

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Josephson (Chairman), Davies, Hill, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, Miller, Moore, Pritchitt, Summers, Williams, Withers & Wogan

**APOLOGIES:**

**NOT PRESENT:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk & Asst. Clerk , 1 member of public

**C61/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

None

**C62/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**C63/20 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH THE MINUTES & TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

**C64/20 TO RESOLVE TO POSTPONE CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM THAT PREVIOUS MEETING AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and AGREED.

**C65/20 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**C66/20 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Cllr. Josephson proposed that item 8 on the agenda be moved above item 7. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED.

**C67/20 TO INTERVIEW AND CO-OPT TWO NEW MEMBERS TO COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – STANDING ORDERS REMAIN SUSPENDED FOR THIS ITEM.**

The following candidates attended: Judy Bartlett, Sarah Glyn-Ives, Stephen King, Valerie Osbon, Steve Spackman and Alex Waters.

Each candidate was interviewed in turn by the Members. A vote was then taken for each vacancy in accordance with the protocol in Standing Order no.9.

Alex Waters and Steve Spackman were chosen for the vacancies.

Both signed and delivered their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and took their seats.

The unsuccessful candidates were thanked for their attendance.

**C68/20 CLERKS REPORT ON THE CURRENT POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS**

The Clerk explained the applicability to activities taking place in the Community Centre but advised that other limitations may come into force.

**C69/20 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON A PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Cllr. Josephson proposed the following:

"That since nearly half the Council's year had now elapsed, and the meetings of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September already have business of considerable length, Council shall agree to retain last year's Committee constitution for the remainder of this Council year, except that the positions left vacant by resignation be filled pro rata by the newly co-opted Members"

This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and AGREED.

Therefore, Cllr. Waters was assigned to Community Services Committee and Planning Committee.

Cllr. Spackman was assigned to Amenities & Services Committee and Planning Committee.

As there was a vacancy on Amenities & Services Committee for Vice-Chair, Cllr. Josephson suggested that this be considered. Cllr. Pritchitt stated that this should be considered by the Committee not by Full Council. There was vigorous discussion about this and the Clerk and Asst Clerk both strongly disagreed with her statement, on the basis that selection of Vice-chairs by Council had been decided at a previous Annual Meeting.

Cllr. Hill proposed that the Vice-Chairmanship of Amenities & Services Committee be postponed to the next Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and AGREED.

**C70/20 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MEETING OF 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER SHOULD BE FACE TO FACE OR REMOTE**

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the meeting be held via Zoom. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller.

Cllr. Wogan proposed that the meeting be held face to face with masks. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies.

The second proposal was voted on – 11 for and 4 against.

SO RESOLVED

**C71/20 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH ANY OUTSTANDING NOTICES, CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and

AGREED

**C72/20 TO NOTE ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE**

None

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

SIGNED: .....

DATE.....(Chairman)