

# **BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council, held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, in The Front Room, Great Wakering Community Centre, Great Wakering, Essex commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ashdown, Bond, Cohen (Chair), Gardiner and Knight.

In attendance: I. King (Parish Clerk)

## **MINUTES**

- 1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
  - a. The Chair declared the meeting open at 7:05pm
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
  - a. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pearmain and Steptoe.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
  - a. Councillor Ashdown declared a non-pecuniary interest under item 8. The Clerk said that, although he had been unable to find a specific requirement in the Code of Conduct relating to family relationships with potential co-optees to the Council, he had advised Councillor Ashdown that she might wish to declare a non-pecuniary interest for the sake of transparency. The Chair invited Councillor Ashdown to remain for the item. At this stage no objections were raised to the Chair's invitation.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**
  - a. Proposed by Councillor Cohen, seconded by Councillor Ashdown that the minutes of the full council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> April be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
- 5. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council.**
  - a. There were no requests to address the Council.
- 6. To agree the date of the next Council Meeting**
  - a. To note that the next Full Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Great Wakering Community Centre.

## **7. Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

- a. Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

## **8. Co-options to the Council**

- a. Two applicants for co-option to the vacant seat on the Council were welcomed to the meeting. Malcolm Clark and Shirley Glover were each invited to explain their motivation for applying, their relevant experience, their availability to attend meetings and to participate in the work of the Council and any other strengths of their application.
- b. Both applicants retired while the Council discussed the merits of their applications.
- c. There were 3 votes for Mr Clark and 2 votes for Mrs Glover and the Chair then confirmed to Mr Clark that he had been co-opted as a member of the Council.
- d. On behalf of the Council, the Chair thanked Mrs Glover for her application and hoped that the Council might benefit from her enthusiasm and willingness to support the Council's work, perhaps as a member of one of the Council's sub-committees should a vacancy arise. Mrs Glover left the meeting at this point.
- e. Councillor Gardiner raised a point of order challenging the fact that Councillor Ashdown had been invited to remain for the interviews.

## **9. Closure of the meeting**

- a. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:45pm