

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the additional Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th August 2017 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Office, New Green Centre, Thurston.

In the Chair: Vice -Chair Cllr. Dasher

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Eden, Fawcett, Masters, Mrs O'Connell and Thomas. **In Attendance:** Mrs V Waples, Clerk.

1. **OPENING** – A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is available from the Clerk.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –
 - a. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Alston (sabbatical) and Cllrs. Moss & Rainbow (personal commitment).
 - b. Council consented to these apologies.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
 - a. There were no pecuniary or local non-pecuniary interests for the Agenda under discussion.
 - b. There were no requests for dispensations for the Agenda under discussion.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – it was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd August 2017 would be deferred for consideration to the next full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 6th September 2017.
5. **TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE CASUAL VACANCY IN THE POST OF CHAIRMAN** – following a discussion over the management of the position, the principal of the Office of Chair and the future segregation of committee structures, Cllr. Dashper was nominated for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. This was duly proposed, seconded, and approved by all present. He duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance Form which was countersigned by the Proper Officer. The Chairman outlined his expectation as to how he envisaged several changes moving forward and it was agreed that the proposal to have a separate Chair of the Parish Council; Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Team was sound in terms of governance and democratic process. It was further agreed that, where necessary, he would Chair Planning Meetings to ensure full and frank discussions could be had by members attending. It was also noted that, subject to confirmation at the next Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, there was a proposal to have Co-Chairs for the Steering Group.
6. **TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** – it was proposed and agreed by all present that this be deferred until the next full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 6th September 2017.
7. **CLOSE OF MEETING** – There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.42pm.
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston**

So signed by the Chairman at the meeting of 6th September 2017