

## WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Council**  
Cllr Sue Latham  
Cllr Steve Snell  
Cllr David Ward

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Following the resignations of both Colin Blagrove, the previous Chairman and Maggie Ashcroft, the previous Vice Chairman, this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was called by the Clerk to appoint their successors.

Mr Ian Coles welcomed everyone to this online meeting which is being held remotely due to the village hall being unavailable as a result of a third period of lockdown during the current pandemic.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr David Ward offered to stand as Chairman of the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Steve Snell and seconded by Cllr Sue Latham.

Cllr Steve Snell offered to stand as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Sue Latham and seconded by Cllr David Ward.

**3. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

Following the recent resignations, Mr Ian Coles has advised the Elections Team at SKDC who have forwarded a notice for completion and publication on both our notice board and website. This was organised on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We are now required to wait until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 before we can co-opt replacement councillors on to the Parish Council, as electors in the village have the right for a by-election to be called if ten written requests are received by SKDC asking them to do so.

In the meantime, we will endeavour to ascertain interest amongst our residents about becoming a parish councillor. Our own notice has also been put on both the notice board and website with more information about this and we have already received some positive responses. In addition to this, Cllr David Ward suggested that we distribute the notice to everybody in the village which was agreed by all. Mr Ian Coles will print off sufficient copies to be delivered to each household and Cllr David Ward and Cllr Sue Latham will arrange this.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Ian Coles mentioned that he had been contacted by the Village Hall Committee to advise that the village hall is unlikely to be available for our Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 under current Government guidelines. It was agreed that we would keep this under review and decide on the appropriate action to be taken around mid-April 2021 when the current situation may become more clear. As we also hope to hold our Annual Parish Meeting at the same time, it was agreed that it would be preferable if this was a face-to-face meeting instead of being held remotely. Mr Ian Coles will seek further guidance on this through the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils and will advise councillors of the position as soon as the Government confirm the appropriate protocols for this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.22 p.m.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_