

## WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2021

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Council**

Cllr David Ward - Chairman

Cllr Sue Latham

Cllr Steve Snell

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Following the resignations of both Colin Blagrove and Maggie Ashcroft and completion of the statutory period in which residents had the option to call for a by election, this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was called by the Chairman to appoint their successors.

Cllr David Ward welcomed everyone to this online meeting which is being held remotely due to the village hall being unavailable during the current pandemic.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr Ian Coles explained that, following notices issued and distributed to each resident's home, we initially had five potential candidates, of which one had to be excluded as they were ineligible having not lived in the village for the last 12 months. Cllr Sue Latham asked why there were now only three candidates to choose from and Mr Ian Coles explained that one had subsequently dropped out after expressing initial interest.

In advance of the meeting, Mr Ian Coles had asked each candidate to provide a brief summary of their reasons for wanting to become a councillor and what they felt they could bring to the role in order to help councillors to make a decision as to who should be co-opted on to the Parish Council. These were discussed in depth, following which a vote was held to decide on which two candidates should be appointed. The result of the vote was that Mr Ian Gowans and Mr Ish Kamran were co-opted on to the Parish Council and we are delighted to welcome them.

**3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following the appointment of the two new councillors, Cllr Steve Snell said that we should extend our thanks to the two outgoing councillors for their past service which was agreed by all.

Mr Ian Coles confirmed that he had been in contact with Barclays to arrange a change of authorised signatories to our bank account and that the appropriate forms and details of the required procedures had now been received. This will be progressed further next week.

Cllr Sue Latham mentioned that the broken manhole cover in the cemetery had now been repaired by Mr Dick Latham. Our thanks were extended to him for arranging this and we will reimburse his expenses of doing this shortly.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be our annual one which is being held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 2 p.m. in the village hall, with all attendees required to comply with the necessary guidelines in the current climate. Details of these will be confirmed and published before the meeting takes place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.47 p.m.

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

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