

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF MERTON M7/2021

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD in MERTON VILLAGE HALL AT 20:50 ON 21 JUNE 2021

PRESENT: Tony Bradley (Chairman) AB
Martin Smith, Gemma Allen, Paul Stubbs. (Councillors) MS/GA/PS
IN ATTENDANCE: T. Charlesworth; (Clerk/RFO). TC
Deborah Smith applicant for Vacancy.

1. APOLOGIES: None recorded.

2. PARISH COUNCIL:

2.1: To Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: None declared.

2.2: Election of Chairman: In progress.

2.3: Election of Vice-Chairman: In progress.

2.4: Vacancy: The PC welcomed Deborah Smith; following introduction and an opportunity to ask questions.

RESOLVED:

- That the PC approved the co-option of Deborah Smith; this was accepted. Clerk to forward DPI Registration form for completion; 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' to be completed at the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

4. FINANCE:

4.1: End of Year Accounts 31 March 2021:

a) Internal Audit Report: Consider any action required: As no report had been received it was agreed that the End of Year Accounts would have to be carried forward to an Extraordinary meeting to be held next Monday.

b) End of Year Accounts 31 March 2021: Consider/Approve.

c) The Annual Governance Statement: Completion of Section 1.

d) The Accounting Statements: Completion of Section 2.

e) Following approval, the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Chairman signs the Accounting Statements

f) Exercise of Public Rights: RFO sets the commencement date.

g) All required documents to be published on the website before the 1 July 2021. All

4.2: Grant Applications:

a) Screwfix Grant: It was agreed that an application be submitted. GA

b) Aviva Community Fund: It was agreed that an application be submitted. GA

c) Viridor: To obtain login passwords. GA

d) National Lottery: Responded to questions. GA

RESOLVED:

- In order that the PC does not miss deadlines for applications; that any opportunities for funding can be processed by Cllr. GA; confirmation from councillors to be met via email. GA

5. MATTERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION:

a) INFORMATION:

- Common Hemlock growing through the fence of a garden where the footpaths runs at the back of the Church is to be raised with Merton Footpath Warden; awaiting from a response from C.D.C.

- Notice Board: Painting completed.

- Allotment Tap: This had been reported leaking through Facebook; MS has dealt with the issue and the tap now turns off.

b) MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- Merton Grounds Farm: Proposal to move footpath.

- COMF Grant: C.D.C. has confirmed that a second bin can be purchased for the Play Area if funds are available.

6. NEXT MEETING:

6.1: Merton Parish Council Meeting 12 July 2021: At 7.30pm in Merton Village Hall.

6.2: Extraordinary Meeting: 28 June 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45.

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation:

Approved and Signed by the Presiding Chairman

Date