



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 18 November 2019 at 7.00pm at Elton Community Centre.

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Serna (Chair), Lynne Williams, Andy Canham, Pauline O'Reilly and Maureen Wilson.

19.147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Margaret Lockhart, Stephen Garrity, Martin Dickinson and Ron Reading

19.148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19.149 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

A casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor has become available due to the resignation of Councillor Nigel Goodliffe. The relevant notices have been displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and Website for residents to call a by-election. It was confirmed by Cheshire West & Chester Democratic Services today that the period for a by-election had passed following the period of 14 working days and the Parish Council may now co-opt a new Parish Councillor if they choose. The position was advertised between the period 23 October 2019 and 10 November 2019. Applicants have been invited to attend the meeting on 18 November 2019 for the opportunity to speak to the Parish Council and put forward their reasons on why they should be co-opted.

Candidate Christine Leith spoke for 5 minutes on her previous experience as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Wilson enquired if Christine had any specific interests if she was elected. Christine explained she had previous experience in producing the Parish Council newsletter which she would be interested in producing again. Christine also explained that she would be flexible with the duties she would be required to carry out as a Parish Councillor.

It was proposed by Cllr Canham to co-opt Christine Leith to the position of Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr O'Reilly. A unanimous vote was in favour of co-opting Christine. Cllr Leith was welcomed onto the Parish Council by all present and she signed a Declaration of Acceptance.

It was reiterated to Cllr Leith that although she had been the only applicant for the position, this had by no means had any reflection on her co-option as Councillors were not obliged to accept her application and that she had been co-

opted in relation to her merits.

19.150 MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN/CONTRACTOR

Further to the meeting on 11 November 2019 wherein it was agreed to approach local contractor Andy Eardley to see if he would be agreeable to being instructed by the Parish Council to carry out general maintenance around the Village. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Canham that a resolution be made to instruct Andy Eardley to carry out general maintenance works on behalf of the Council which would be invoiced monthly. The vote was unanimous to proceed to instruct Andy Eardley. It was agreed by all that this would be reviewed periodically to ensure that best practice was carried out in relation to tendering.

19.151 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.00pm at Elton Community Centre.