

MINUTES OF ASHFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20TH 2022 AT THE GARDEN CENTRE

The Meeting was Chaired by Councilor V. Lawson

Clerk. There was no Clerk and so notes were taken by Cllr P Hughes

Present: Councillors:

Mrs. J. Bosley

Mr. D. Hall

Mr. P Hughes

Mr. G Holder

Mr. V Lawson

Mrs. S. Sampson

8 members of the public were present.

I. Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman, Councillor Lawson welcomed attendees to the meeting of Ashford Parish Council. He thanked the Garden Centre manager for once again making the facility available. He reminded everyone that Covid rules applied throughout the meeting. He explained that he had taken advice from DALC that it was in order to hold this meeting without a Clerk/Proper Officer.

II. Apologies:

Received from NDC Cllr Andrea Davis.

III. Declarations of interest from members:

Cllr Sampson regarding selection of a new Councillor.

IV. Acceptance of the precept for 2021/22

Proposed to accept Cllr Holder

Seconded by Cllr Bosley

All in favour

V Outstanding payments

_ There was only one payment to consider. A short discussion took place and a proposal was made to pay Mr G Dwyer £240 for his services as temporary Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Holder

Seconded by Cllr Hughes

All in favour

VI Councillor vacancy

Cllr Hall drew the Councils attention to NALC advice that interviews of applicants should be held before any vote was taken. Other members cited examples over many years where a vote had been taken without preamble. Cllr Hall proposed that an interview process be initiated. There were no supporters for his proposal. It was resolved to defer the matter until advice had been sought.

VII Clerk absence

The public were asked to leave as this matter was being dealt with confidentially as it was a staffing issue. A short discussion took place and it was resolved to send a dismissal letter to Mrs K Cole giving her a week to appeal the decision.

VIII The meeting closed at 8.10pm

These minutes were approved by Councillors, and duly signed as an accurate record of events.
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Signed:
