

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present

Councillor Mrs C Randall (Chair)

Councillors, I Allen, Mrs P Bowmer, D M Gamble, Mrs W Kirkham, Miss L Stokeley and J H Wright

PART1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

236/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Councillor T Kirkham who was unable to attend due to a pre-arranged meeting.

237/21 Declaration of Members interests

Councillor I Allen declared a personal interest, as one candidate was known to him as the boyfriend of his daughter. Councillor Mrs C Randall declared a personal interest due to the marital relationship between herself and a candidate; she shared advice, taken from the Monitoring Officer at Bolsover District Council, on her eligibility to vote at the meeting. It was

RESOLVED that the interest declared by Councillor Allen was not considered by the members present to also be a prejudicial interest and it was agreed that Councillor Allen could vote for all candidates.

Councillor Mrs C Randall would only vote if the voting process went beyond one round of voting and the person to whom she declared a personal interest had been removed, whilst running a series of votes, and was not one of the remaining candidates

238/21 Dispensation granted to Members declaring disclosable pecuniary interests in an agenda item

None

239/21 Parish Councillor Vacancy Co-option Interviews and voting

(i) A short discussion was held to agree the standard questions for each candidate and confirm the co-option process. It was

RESOLVED that three standard questions would be asked for each candidate; voting would take place, by secret ballot, after all candidates had been interviewed, and each person co-opted must receive an absolute majority of the councillors present and voting.

- (ii) A short discussion was held to consider the NALC legal briefing on co-option (L15-08) and its view relating to the exclusion of members of the public during the decision-making process for co-option. It was considered that as no members of the public were in attendance at the start of the meeting it would be unfair to cause disruption to candidates if they arrived later and therefore members of the public should be excluded from the meeting at this point. It was

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item(s) of business

- (iii) Four candidates were interviewed

- (iv) Voting took place to appoint the successful candidates; Mrs C Randall did not take part in the voting. It was

RESOLVED that Mr Christopher Davern and Ms Hayley Smith be co-opted onto Pleasley Parish Council

Signed.....
Chair