

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2020 At 6.30pm Via Zoom

Present:

D Dixon (DD)

S Meek (SM)

A Bailey (AB)

M Harding (Clerk/RFO)

4 members of public

D Batten (DB)

G Mulry (GM)

D Venn (DV)

Cllr Mark Roberts DC

Chairman's welcome: ER chaired the meeting as per the current rolling chair program. ER welcomed all the extraordinary meeting.

Open Public Forum - limited to 3 mins per person

A resident spoke on their disappointment at the loss of another councillor and raised concerns from the community. He publicly thanked Michele for 7 years as Clerk and thanked her on behalf of the community and wished her well and is sad that she is going. He hopes that the Council will answer questions on the grievance and asked if this has now been concluded. DV explained that this is confidential and cannot comment, it is not a subject for this meeting.

A resident also commented on the loss of the Clerk, this is sad she will be hard to replace, on the subject of this meeting there is now a shortage of Cllrs perhaps the Council can welcome more women to the PC to provide a more balanced view.

A resident also concurred with the previous comments, sincere thanks to Michele we are sorry to see her go. In the last 10 years there does seem to be many that have joined the Council and then resigned shortly after. DB commented that he has been a Cllr for 20 years and that people join for many different reasons, it is rare to have people be on the council for a long period of time. The PC are not unique in this.

MR commented that he has worked with many parish clerks over his 18 years for WDDC and DC, Michele is in a league of her own and he is delighted he will still be working with her in other parishes, this is Burton's loss.

20/12-1 To receive apologies for absence –Graham Moody

20/12-2 To receive declarations of Interest and grants of dispensation – none

20/12-3 Following the resignation of a Parish Councillor 2 new members of the staffing committee are required-

To appoint 2 new members of the staffing committee DV being the only member. AB nominated himself for the position, DD nominated himself for the position.

DB has been the Clerks' liaison during the process so cannot put himself forward.

Both AB and DD were approved on the staffing committee

Proposed DB

Seconded SM

20/12-4 To consider moving to closed session to discuss confidential matters- not required

A further meeting was set up for the staffing committee following the PC meeting as a closed session.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm