

Pagham Parish Council

Minutes of the **Extraordinary Council Meeting** held on Tuesday
11th April 2017 at 6.30pm in the Committee Room at Pagham Village Hall

Present: Mrs L Allard, P Atkins, Mr M Cole, Mrs D Hall, Mr P Hailey, Mr P Higson, Mr D Huntley, Mr James, Mr R Radmall, (Chair), Mrs A Rowles, Mrs D Salter

In attendance: Nicola Jones (Clerk & RFO)

- C16/103 Receive apologies for absence**
No apologies for absence were received.
- C16/104 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests**
C16/104.1 **To receive declarations of interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.**
None
- C16/105**
C16/105.1 **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**
None
- C16/106 Public Session Questions and comments from Members of the Public Present**
C16/106.1 There were 2 members of the public present at the start of the meeting, with 3 further members arriving during the meeting.
- C16/107 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2017**
C16/107.1 IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2017 be deferred for consideration at the next full Council meeting.
- C16/108 Matters arising from previous minutes (for information sharing purposes only)**
C16/108.1 None
- C16/109 To consider an application to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council by Co-Option**
C16/109.1 Cllr Mrs Hall sought clarification on two procedural elements of the meeting, being the reason for calling an extraordinary meeting and the process for consideration of candidates. The Clerk explained the Chairman had the right to call an Extraordinary Meeting, that whilst there was no statutory framework to follow in respect of the Co-Option process, previous procedure was being followed. She asked the Chairman to outline his reasons for calling the Extraordinary Meeting.
C16/109.2 A precis of the applicant for the vacant position on the Parish Council was circulated to members of the Council for consideration. Members then put questions to the applicant regarding his current circumstances, his reasons for applying to Pagham Parish Council and what benefits he felt he could bring to the Council. Following this, the Clerk clarified that the decision whether to Co-Opt the applicant on this occasion should be made in public, with the applicant in attendance if that was his preference.
C16/109.3 There was considerable debate as to whether sufficient time had been given to Councillors to consider the applicant, and whether to hold a vote in the presence of members of the public. On a motion put to the meeting it was RESOLVED on a majority vote to defer consideration of the application for co-option to a further meeting due to the complex circumstances of the applicant. Cllr Mr Cole wished it be noted that he had objected as he wished to vote on the Co-Option at that time.
- C16/110 To consider any vacancies for appointments to outside bodies**
C16/110.1 There were no applicants for the post of ADALC representative.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman