

Longborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held at the Longborough Village Hall on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs A Driver, R Green, J Marley, S Mathers, J Mc Donagh, R Wheeler.

Also present: County Councillor Lynden Stowe and Clerk to the Council, Jenny Walsh

6 members of the public were present

Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms for Cllrs Driver, Green, Marley, Mathers, McDonagh and Wheeler were received and counter-signed by the Clerk (Proper Officer). New councillors were welcomed to the Parish Council.

1. Election of Chairman

Charles Taverner, outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council, gave a brief resume of significant achievements for the parish council during his tenure. He thanked all his fellow councillors who had worked with him, in particular Tim Gardner, who had served on the council for 34 years before his retirement from the local council in 2019. Mr Taverner then asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr Mc Donagh proposed Cllr Mathers and was seconded by Cllr Driver. Cllr Mathers was unanimously elected by a show of hands and took the Chair. The Clerk also read out a letter from Tim Gardner which similarly extended his good wishes to the new councillors and expressed his plans to focus on new projects now that he had left the council. The Chairman thanked both Charles Taverner and Tim Gardner for their hard work and commitment to the village. The Clerk reported that an informal gathering to celebrate with Cllrs Taverner and Gardner, had been held earlier in April.

2. Election of Vice Chair/s

The Chairman asked for nominations for the two positions of Vice Chair for the Council. Cllr McDonagh proposed Cllr Driver and was seconded by Cllr Marley. Following a show of hands, Cllr Driver was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice Chair. It was agreed to consider a second Vice Chair appointment at the next council meeting in July.

3. Dispensation requests

The Clerk reported that following successful election on 2nd May, Cllr-Elect Tim Howse had notified her that he was unable to attend the first meeting of the Council and therefore asked if Council would agree to accept his apologies and defer his formal Acceptance of Office until the next meeting in July. Following a vote, it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr Howse's apologies and permit him to join the Council on 15th July 2019.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from District Councillor Julian Beale, and Mr Tim Howse (item 3 above).

5. Declarations of Interest – *Members must declare any interest as it arises*

There were no declarations made in relation to items on this agenda. Councillors were circulated Declaration of Financial Interest forms to complete and return to the Clerk.

6. Councillor Representatives on local bodies: This matter would be considered at the Ordinary meeting of the council.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm

Signed
Chairman

Date