



COTFORD ST LUKE PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Centre, Bethell Mead, Cotford St Luke, Taunton TA4 1HZ www.cotford-st-luke.org.uk

Minutes, Cotford-St-Luke Parish Council Annual General Meeting

held on Friday 24 May 2024
commencing at 18.00 in the Community Centre

Present

Cllr Mike Best, Cllr Mike Rigby, Cllr Andy Sully (of Somerset Council)
David Clarke, Monitoring Officer for Somerset Council
Angela Cox, Acting as Clerk for the meeting
27 members of the public

Public Speaking

Covered topics including:

- The reasons the previous Parish Councillors resigned en-bloc
- The poor mobile phone signal within the village
- What support would be available for the new Parish Councillors

1/24 Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Mike Rigby and seconded by Cllr Andy Sully that Cllr Mike Best be elected as Chair for the meeting. There being no other proposals it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mike Best be elected as Chair of Cotford St Luke Parish Council

2/24 Election of a Vice-Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Mike Best and seconded by Cllr Mike Rigby that Cllr Andy Sully be elected as Vice-Chair for the meeting. There being no other proposals it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr Andy Sully be elected as Vice-Chair of Cotford St Luke Parish Council.

3/24 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

4/24 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

5/24 Minutes of, and matters arising from that are not covered in the below

agenda, Parish Council meeting of 21 March 2024

Cllr Mike Best proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2024 be accepted as a record of that meeting. He noted that there were several issues which would need to be clarified at the next Parish Council meeting, including confirmation of the status of the resolutions taken and updating the bank signatories.

Cllr Best also advised that the Clerk to Crewkerne Town Council had agreed to assist the Parish Council at their next meeting and she would also assist in requesting an extension to submitting the statutory Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2024 were adopted unanimously as an accurate record of the meeting.

6/24 Resignations from the Council and co-option of a new Member(s)

The Chair invited the 4 candidates to be co-opted to the Parish Council to give a brief presentation on their reasons for joining and the qualities they would bring to the Parish Council. At the conclusion of the presentations it was:

RESOLVED: that Sarah Draper-Gammon, Janella McCrea, Lisa Birch and Tony Freeman be co-opted as Councillors for Cotford St Luke Parish Council.

7/24 Governance Document Review

It was agreed that the review of the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

8/24 Items specified in Council's Standing Orders:

It was agreed that the review of the items specified in the Council's Standing Orders would be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9/24 Note the payment on behalf of the Parish Council of outstanding payments

It was noted that the following payments had been made on behalf of the Parish Council:

Clerk's salary (April) and overtime (March): £1,279.49

HMRC March 2024: £110.64

HMRC April 2024: £215.89

Zurich Insurance policy renewal: £920.16

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.40pm

Chair