

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2015

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, Mike Cockerill, Diane Glanvill, John Haxby, Robert Horley, Anna Shaw, Richard Walker and Kevin Wilkie

Also present : Gina Robinson, Town Clerk and Sharon Pogson, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist
3 members of the public

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place and requested that everyone sign in and out of the building for their own personal safety in the event of an emergency. The Chairman enquired if anyone wished to film or record the meeting but no-one requested to do this.

NOTICE OF MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 **454/015**

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Casey (holiday), Cllr J Meek (holiday) and Cllr M Wright (ill-health).

RESOLVED: That the above apologies be accepted. **455/015**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Susan Bosomworth declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as Candidate 1 was a family member and took no part in the voting process.

RESOLVED: That Cllr S Bosomworth's disclosable pecuniary interest be noted. **456/015**

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public requested to speak at this point. It was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted. **457/015**

ORDINARY VACANCY

Following the local Council Elections there was a need to co-opt a further Filey Town Councillor for the Primrose Valley Ward as this seat had been uncontested. The vacancy had been advertised and four applications had been received and all candidates had been invited to attend the selection process. The candidates who were waiting in the Committee Room were individually brought into the Council Chamber and each in turn gave a verbal presentation on '*The role and responsibilities of being a Filey Town Councillor representing the Primrose Valley Ward on Filey Town Council*' and were asked set questions by a panel consisting of the Chairman, the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes, Chairman of Staffing and the Chairman of Property Committees with opportunities for further questions from other members of the Council before returning to wait in the Committee Room.

Candidate 1 – Miss Natalie Bosomworth
Candidate 2 – Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks
Candidate 3 – Mr Martin Humphreys
Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston

Following the presentations the Clerk outlined the absolute majority voting procedure whereby the successful candidate would be the person who received more votes than the others added together in order to be co-opted as a Filey Town Councillor.

*A short comfort break was held at 8.06pm
The meeting reconvened at 8.10pm*

The candidates were invited to attend the voting process in the Council Chamber and the Clerk repeated the voting procedure for the candidates.

Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2015

ORDINARY VACANCY continued

It was noted that there were 9 Councillors present but only 8 were eligible to vote as Cllr Bosomworth had previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Members voted for one candidate in Vote 1:

Vote 1

Candidate 1 – Miss Natalie Bosomworth (2 Votes)
Candidate 2 – Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks (3 Votes)
Candidate 3 – Mr Martin Humphreys (1 Vote)
Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston (2 Votes)

Mr Martin Humphreys was disqualified from the voting process as being the candidate with the least votes and members then voted again for one candidate in Vote 2.

Vote 2

Candidate 1 – Miss Natalie Bosomworth (2 Votes)
Candidate 2 – Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks (4 Votes)
Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston (2 Votes)

As there was an equal number of votes for candidates 1 and 4 the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of Candidate 1 and therefore Mr John Thurston was disqualified from the voting process as being the candidate with the least votes and members then voted again for one candidate in Vote 3.

Vote 3

Candidate 1 – Miss Natalie Bosomworth (3 Votes)
Candidate 2 – Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks (5 Votes)

After three rounds of voting, Candidate 2 – Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks received a majority of 5 votes in favour against Miss Natalie Bosomworth who received 3 votes.

Candidates 1, 3 and 4 were informed that they had been unsuccessful in their application to be co-opted and were thanked for showing interest in Filey Town Council and the Chairman commented that due to the high standard of applications received it had not been an easy decision for members to make.

Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks was congratulated and informed by the Chairman that her application had been successful and she thanked the members of the Town Council for their support and looked forward to taking up her role as a Filey Town Councillor to represent the Primrose Valley Ward. The Clerk invited Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks to come in to the office to sign her 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Written Undertaking' to abide by the Town Council's Code of Conduct. It was:

RESOLVED: That Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks be co-opted to fill the position of an Ordinary vacancy as a Filey Town Councillor for the Primrose Valley Ward. 458/015

RESOLVED: It be noted that the above Councillor is to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Written Undertaking forms in the presence of the Proper Officer on Friday 5 June 2015. 459/015

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Councillor J Shackleton
Chairman & Town Mayor