

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2017

Present : Councillor Susan Bosomworth (Chairman) and Councillors Marilyn Anthony, John Casey, Diane Glanvill, John Haxby, Jacqui Houlden-Banks, Jeff Meek, John Shackleton, Richard Walker, Kevin Wilkie and Marion Wright.

Also present : Mrs Gina Robinson, Town Clerk, Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk and Mrs Sharon Pogson, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist.

Cllr Bosomworth 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. She went on to state that the filming and recording of the meeting was taking place and enquired whether anyone did not wish to be filmed, she also enquired whether anyone else 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 097/017

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr R Horley (holiday) and Cty Cllr S Cross (prior meeting).

RESOLVED: That the above apologies be duly accepted. 098/017

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: That it be noted no interests were declared. 099/017

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

RESOLVED: It be noted no members of the public were present. 100/017

ORDINARY VACANCY

Following the resignation of Mrs Anna Shaw there was a need to co-opt a further Filey Town Councillor for the Filey Ward as this seat. The vacancy had been advertised and five applications had been received and all candidates had been invited to attend the selection process however candidate 5 was unfortunately away and was therefore unable to attend but members accepted his letter of interest in this vacancy. 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 Filey Ward on Filey Town Council'* and were asked set questions by a panel consisting of the Chairman and Staffing Committee Chairman, the Chairman of Planning, Property, Finance & General Purposes and Bandstand with opportunities for further questions from other members of the Council before returning to wait in the Committee Room.

Candidate 1 – Mr Brian Fletcher

Candidate 2 – Mr Paul Harrison

Candidate 3 – Mr Joseph Michael Rodgers

Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston

Candidate 5 – Mr Carl Bithell (unable to attend)

APPOINTMENT OF ORDINARY VACANCY (FILEY WARD)

Each candidate attending was proposed and seconded prior to a vote being taken and Candidates 1 - 4 were invited to attend the voting process in the Council Chamber when 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.

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Voting took place as follows :

Vote 1

Candidate 1 – Mr Brian Fletcher

Candidate 2 – Mr Paul Harrison

Candidate 3 – Mr Joseph Michael Rodgers

Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston

Candidate 4 – Mr John Thurston received a majority of 6 votes in favour against Mr Paul Harrison who received 4 votes and Mr Brian Fletcher 1 vote with Mr Joseph Michael Rodgers receiving no votes.

Candidates 1, 2 and 3 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.

Mr John Thurston was congratulated and informed by the Chairman that his application had been successful and he thanked the members of the Town Council for their support and looked forward to taking up his role as a Filey Town Councillor to represent the Filey Ward. The Clerk invited Mr Thurston to come in to the office to sign his 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Written Undertaking' to abide by the Town Council's Code of Conduct. It was:

RESOLVED: That Mr John Thurston be co-opted to fill the position of an Ordinary vacancy as a Filey Town Councillor for the Filey Ward. 101/017

RESOLVED: It be noted that the above Councillor was to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Written Undertaking forms in the presence of the Proper Officer on Tuesday 31 January 2017. 102/017

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Councillor Susan Bosomworth
Chairman & Town Mayor