



Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2015 at
TOWER HALL at 7.30pm**

CHAIRMAN: P Richings Esq.

PRESENT: Mrs M Brown, Mrs J Clarke, Miss A Cracknell, Mr D Francis, Mr M Newton, Mr P Richings, Mr M Sones, Mr P Tarling, Mr B Ward, Mr J Withey, Mr J Wright
Mr J Westrup and Mrs C Gower both in attendance from item 5

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs B Richardson-Todd (holiday), Members of the Kesgrave & District SNT, District Cllr D Dean, Mrs P Allington

CLERK: Mr M R Bentley

ABSENT: Mr R Whiting,

ALSO PRESENT: Member of the public = 1
Mrs J Potter (Assistant Clerk). Mr J Westrup and Mrs C Gower both as public to end of item 4.

1. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

The Chairman read out a statement on the Code of Conduct, protocol for debate and statutory rights to film, record, photograph or otherwise report on the proceedings of the meeting.

Apologies were noted as detailed above. Mr Wright proposed acceptance of reasons for councillor absence, seconded by Mrs Clarke with all in favour.

Reasons for absence were not accepted from:- Mr R Whiting

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th May 2015

Mr Richings reminded Councillors to note the list of cheques issued. Mr Ward proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Mr Francis, with one abstention and the rest in favour. The minutes were duly signed as a correct record with no alterations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS INTEREST

Mr Newton declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a member of Suffolk Coastal District Council and also stated that he may be asked to reconsider any matter from this meeting at District Council and at any relevant Committee/Sub Committee and in so doing, shall take into account all relevant evidence and representations made at the District level before coming to a decision.

4. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 'TOWER WARD'

There had been three expressions of interest for the two parish councillor vacancies in Tower Ward. The Clerk read out a personal statement from Mrs P Allington as she had been unable to attend owing to illness. The Clerk also read out personal statements from Mrs C Gower and Mr J Westrup who were in attendance at this meeting. Mrs Gower and Mr Westrup both left the room whilst discussion and voting took place (*Note, there was no legal requirement for the applicants to leave the room. but it was considered reasonable to avoid any potential embarrassment on either side*).

The Clerk reminded members that under co-option rules a clear majority vote was required to elect any candidate.

For Vacancy 1, Mrs C Gower was elected with a unanimous vote.

For vacancy 2, Mr J Westrup was elected with a unanimous vote.

Mrs Gower and Mr Westrup returned to the room. Both signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, were welcomed by the Chairman and they joined the meeting as Councillors.

The Clerk to write to Mrs Allington stating that she was unsuccessful on this occasion and to thank her for her interest in becoming a councillor. Also state that her name would be kept on file for when any future vacancies arose.

[The member of public left the meeting at this point]

5. LAND AT IPSWICH SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE – TO AUTHORISE LEGAL TRANSFER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was hoped that by the commencement of this meeting, all the queries raised with Birketts Solicitors regarding the transfer documentation of the land at Ipswich School Sports Club would have been resolved. However, following publication of the parish council newsletter, which contained an article on the transfer status, a resident of Eaton Place had contacted the Clerk regarding a number of queries he had raised with Rose Builders and Ipswich School.

It was felt that the queries could be pertinent to some clauses in the Transfer Document and hence we were now seeking further legal advice and clarification from our Solicitors. This item would now probably come before the full PC meeting on July 9th.

Mr Wright commented that we were right to put the authorisation on hold and get the terms of transfer right.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Expenditure and Budget items would be listed in the Minutes of the scheduled GP&F.

There then followed a scheduled GP&F Meeting.