

## LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of **LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2016** at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 p.m.

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr. W. Blunden (Chairman)  
Mr. M. Allen  
Mr. S. Henton  
Mr. A. Gomme  
Mr. S. Hodgson  
Mr. R. Plass  
Mr. S. Shortland  
Mr. C. Snowling  
Mrs. V. Upton (Vice Chairman)

**Also present:** Mr. R. Pickett.

**In attendance:** Mrs. C. Irwin (Clerk)

**Not present:** Parish Councillors Mrs. J. Durrant and Mrs. M. Hersey.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council which had been called in order to fill a casual vacancy by co-option.

**121. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**

121.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Durrant and Hersey and the reasons were accepted.

**122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

122.1 Councillor Snowling declared a personal interest in item 4 (Co-option) because the applicant's company occasionally carried out repairs to his property.

**123. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

123.1 There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

**124. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY.**

124.1 The Chairman reported that following the resignation of former Councillor Hinze, the correct procedures had been followed: a notice had been displayed on the Council's noticeboard and website for fourteen clear days during which no poll had been called by members of the public and a further notice had been displayed advertising the vacancy. One candidate had come forward: Roger Pickett who had previously served as a Member of Lindfield Parish Council. The Chairman confirmed that Mr. Pickett was qualified to stand as a Parish Councillor.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Upton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Snowling and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**: that Councillor Roger Ernest Pickett be co-opted as a Member of Lindfield Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor Hinze.

The Chairman gave Councillor Pickett a warm welcome on behalf of fellow Members.

**125. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF NEWLY CO-OPTED MEMBER.**

125.1 Councillor Pickett made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Proper Officer.

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### 126. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

- 126.1 It was acknowledged that for Councillor Pickett, membership of the Planning and Traffic Committee would lead to conflicts of interest, because of the nature of his business. It was therefore **AGREED** that Councillor Pickett should serve on the Environment and Amenities and Finance and General Purposes Committee. It was also **AGREED** that he should be appointed to the Public Toilets Working Group, which reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to replace Councillor Gomme, who had recently stood down from this Working Group. Membership of other sub- committees and working groups would be decided by the relevant committees to which they reported.

The meeting concluded at 8.07 p.m.

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