

**MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield (Chair), Bradshaw, Pix, Richards, the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the extraordinary Parish Council meeting, the sole purpose of which was to co-opt a new Councillor to fill a vacant position on the Parish Council. The agenda does not include 'Public Question Time', but if anyone has a question for the Parish Council then this should be brought up at the next full meeting being held in March.

- 01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None
- 02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None
- 03. MATTERS ARISING.** The co-option of Liz Lockley as a Councillor was proposed by Cllr Pix and seconded by Cllr Bradshaw. The proposal was adopted nem con. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Lockley to the Parish Council who responded by thanking the Council for having the confidence in voting for her. The Clerk to deliver the following forms to Cllr Lockley a) A Declaration of acceptance of Office to be signed and witnessed by the Clerk. b) A Notification of Members Interest paperwork to be completed and returned to the Clerk. Form a) is retained in the Parish Council records and form b) is submitted to the South Somerset District Council Electoral Officer. For purposes of transparency, form b) will be placed on the District Council's website as well as our own. She would also receive a copy of Standing Orders and the Councillor Code of Conduct.
- 04. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The Clerk explained the current position regarding the election of Councillors. At present, there will be more candidates (4) than vacancies (3) and therefore, an election would have to take place alongside the District Council election in May. The Elections Officer at SSDC has indicated that the cost to the Parish for this procedure would be estimated at £250.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

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