

Present: Cllrs R. Drinkel, P. Hibberd, R. Beech, R Burton, M Bark and G. Lovatt
Apologies: Cllr. J West, (reason given and approved).
Other apologies: Cllr. P. Rickett (ELDC)
Clerk: Mrs P Plumridge.

Councillor Drinkel welcomed everyone to St. Clement's Church for our meeting, which is possible because St. Clement's church is Covid safe. Everyone was happy with the arrangements which offered sanitation, social distancing and was light and airy. A contact list was made. He was especially pleased to be able to welcome back our Councillors who were unable to join our Zoom meetings which have taken place over the past year but we were all extremely sad at the loss of Cllr. Ian Jones earlier in the year.

1.21 Apologies

As above, Cllr West. Reason given and accepted.

2.21 – Open Meeting

No members of the public or District or County Councillors present.

3.21 – Clerk to receive declarations of pecuniary interest on any Agenda item in accordance with Localism Act and the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

None.

4.21- Nominations for Chair

Cllr Drinkel asked for nominations for Chair.

Cllr Bark nominated Cllr Drinkel, Cllr Lovatt seconded.

No other nominations, All in favour.

Cllr Drinkel accepted nomination but emphasised it would be for one year as he felt other Cllrs should also experience being Chair, but this had been an exceptional year. Cllr Drinkel signed Acceptance of Office form.

5.21 – Nominations for Vice Chair

Cllr Drinkel asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Cllr Beech nominated Cllr Hibberd, Cllr Burton seconded.

No other nominations, All in favour.

Cllr Hibberd accepted.

6.21- Financial & Audit

Three cheques were approved and signed.

630 – LALC – Membership fees - £230.03

631 – Zurich Municipal – Insurance - £346.14

632 – P.Plumridge, Clerks exp. flowers for Mrs Jones and Internal audit fee - £58.16

- i) Annual Internal Audit report was received and approved;
 - ii) Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed;
 - iii) Accounting Statement was approved and signed;
 - iv) Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed.
- All in favour.

Date for commencement for exercise of public rights set for 14th June to 23rd July, 2021

7.21 – AOB

This was never intended to be a long meeting, only to get essential business done. We hope to be able to meet normally again from July.

Cllr. Hibberd reported that the Village Association met last week and have arranged to move the seat from the Churchyard to the Village Hall.

8.21 – Date and Time of next Meeting

The next meeting would incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting where residents are invited to come along and discuss any issues they have.

This was fixed for Wednesday 14th July at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

No further business meeting closed at 7.45pm

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