

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors D Bowater
 F Kharawala (Chair)
 C Palmer
 R Berry
 K Cursons
 A Dodwell
 M Freeman
 S Jones
 T Morris (Vice-Chair)
 G Perham
 B Spurr
 V Harvey
 S Hemmings
 D Scott
 J Silverstone
 P Snelling
 R Goodchild
 A Gray
 S Owen

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 S Sandiford, Head of Democratic and Central
 Services
 M Jahn, Committee Officer

Members of the Public: 10

183 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

184 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests, and the nature of those interests, that they might have in any of the items under consideration at the meeting.

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared and no dispensations were requested.

185 QUESTIONS

- (a) No questions from the public
- (b) No questions were received from the Councillors.

186 CO-OPTION TO VACANCY IN GROVEBURY WARD

Council considered applications from 9 candidates for the position of Town Councillor in Grovebury ward and received copies of their supporting statements. It was noted that all candidates had submitted a co-option application form confirming their eligibility to stand as a town councillor.

The Town Mayor invited all nine candidates to address Council for 3-5 minutes each, in support of their application. Eight candidates spoke and one withdrew his application.

Following this, Council was reminded of the Co-Option Policy and that an absolute majority would need to be obtained in any vote for a successful co-option to be confirmed.

A query was raised regarding the political allegiance of applicants. There was no requirement in law or in the Council's adopted Co-Option Policy to declare this.

Four applicants were proposed as follows:

- (a) Robert Yates – proposed by Councillor D Bowater and seconded by Councillor R Berry.
- (b) Kevin Pughe – proposed by Councillor R Goodchild and seconded by Councillor S Owen.
- (c) Sam Russell – proposed by Councillor D Scott and seconded by Councillor J M Freeman.
- (d) Adam Fahn – proposed by Councillor V Harvey (no seconder required in accordance with Standing Order 1(u)).

A vote took place with the following results:

R Yates – 11 in favour
K Pughe – 4 in favour
S Russell – 3 in favour
A Fahn – 1 in favour

RESOLVED to co-opt Robert Yates to the vacancy in Grovebury Road, subject to his signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Kharawala thanked all the applicants for their interest in becoming a Town Councillor and for taking the time to prepare for and attend the meeting. It was hoped they would positively engage with the Council in the future.

187 **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

Councillor S Jones advised Council that Councillor Kharawala would be replacing Councillor Bowater on the Policy & Finance Committee and that Councillor Robert Yates would be replacing former Councillor C Chambers on the Cultural and Economic Services Committee.

188 **APPOINTMENTS TO/REPORTS REGARDING OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council was informed that newly appointed Councillor R Yates would be taking up the position of Council representative with outside bodies previously represented by former Councillor C Chambers.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2021.

Chair

26 APRIL 2021.