

# ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Ilminster on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 19:30hrs

## Present

**Chairman:** Cllr R Swann,

**Councillors:** Cllr C Goodall, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr J Sothern, Cllr E J Taylor and Cllr Vijeh.

## In Attendance

**Officers:** Mrs M Clayton, (Senior Administrator), Miss N McIntosh (Administrative Assistant), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Austin and Burton.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Name	Minute No	Agenda Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Cllr A Shearman	3	3 Co-option of Councillors	Personal	Personal
Cllr S Shepherd	3	3 Co-option of Councillors	Personal	Personal
Cllr Vijeh	3	3 Co-option of Councillors	Personal	Personal

### 3. Co-option of Councillors

The Chair and Town Clerk informed the Councillors and interested candidates of the procedure for Co-option, for the filling of the two casual vacancies on the Town Council. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the procedures are based on information and guidance from Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Each candidate had five minutes to give a short presentation about themselves and why they wanted to be a Councillor, and then the Councillors were given the opportunity to ask each candidate questions, before being asked to vote in closed session.

**RESOLVED** that the meeting went into closed session to vote.

**RESOLVED** that Mrs Sophie Storey be co-opted for the first casual vacancy.

The Council were unable to come to a decision of who should fill the second casual vacancy, so it was:

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the remaining candidates should be asked to return for a second interview.
- (ii) there be a Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 where candidates are invited to be considered further.
- (iii) candidates be given three structured questions in advance of which they would prepare to answer on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 prior to the Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

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The meeting closed at 20:45 hrs.

Chair's Signature & Date
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