

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council remote meeting held via Skype, on **Tuesday 30th March 2021** starting at 19:30hrs

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr P Burton

**Councillors:** Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr R Swann, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr I Mackillop, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr M James, Cllr F White, Cllr L Wilcock

**Officers:** Mrs J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO)

**In attendance:**

**890 Apologies for Absence**

None.

**891 Declarations of Interest**

A number of Councillors made a declaration of knowing two of the candidates, but none were of a pecuniary interest or related to the Councillors.

**892 Co-option of Councillors**

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the procedure that would be followed and the voting requirements for co-option, for the filling of the casual vacancy on the Town Council. The application forms had been circulated to Councillors with the agenda for the meeting.

Six people had submitted application forms and all had signed their declaration of eligibility. One candidate had not joined the meeting.

The remaining five candidates were Ben Jenner-Hurford, Helen Lancaster, Alan Passmore, Neil Tinson and Mike Wilson-Smith. In alphabetical order, each candidate had five minutes each in which to give a short presentation about themselves and why they wanted to be a Councillor.

Councillors then asked the same set of questions of each candidate based upon their applications and what they had said.

A vote was taken and Mrs Helen Lancaster secured a majority of the vote.

Proposer: Cllr Taylor

Seconded: Cllr Hamilton

**RESOLVED** that Mrs Helen Lancaster to be co-opted to the casual vacancy.

Meeting closed: 21:05

Chair Signature:

Date: