

ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Ilminster on Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 19:30hrs

Present

Chairman: Cllr E J Taylor

Councillors: Cllr S Austin, Cllr P Burton, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr J Sothern, Cllr S Storey, Cllr L Vijeh and Whaites.

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 Councillor Swann.

2. Declarations of Interest

Name	Minute No	Agenda Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Shepherd	3	3 Co-option of Councillors	Personal	Personal Member of Rotary Club
Cllr Vijeh	3	3 Co-option of Councillors	Personal	Personal Member of Rotary Club

3. Co-option of Councillors

The Chair and Town Clerk informed the meeting of the co-option procedure for the filling of the remaining casual vacancy on the Town Council and emphasised that in order for a person to be co-opted they must secure a majority of votes from those Councillors present and voting.

RESOLVED that the meeting would not go into closed session for any part of the co-option proceedings.

The Council were informed that 1 candidate was unable to attend the meeting but Councillors could still consider their application.

Councillors asked questions of the candidate who was present.

Councillors then proposed and seconded the two candidates. Following a first vote the candidate with the lowest number of votes was eliminated from future voting rounds. On the second round of voting the remaining candidate did not secure a majority of those present and voting – the majority of votes were abstentions.

A discussion followed on the implications of no candidate having secured a majority of votes and the potential for an election

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The Town Clerk was asked to obtain clarification regarding the time limits for electors to request an election and for an update to be provided at the Full Council Meeting on the 7th May 2013.

The meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.

Chair's Signature & Date