



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Unadopted Minutes of the
Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
held on 1 October 2014 @7:30pm
at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road Mortimer

Present:

Councillors: M Dennett (Chairman), T Audsley, P Blagden, J Bull, P Challis, J Earl, D Ives, N Kiley and A Philips.

Clerk: Mrs J Kirk

Public & Press: None

14/186 To receive any Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Wingfield, M Lock and J Morden.

14/187 To receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

14/188 To approve recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F & GP) on the choice of candidates to fill the 2 Parish Councillor Vacancies by Co-Option:

Cllr Dennett stated that this item was to formally agree the selection of candidates which had been delegated to F&GP. For information he outlined the selection procedure: The closing date was 23 September, seven applications were received and all were eligible. Applicants were invited to interview and sent the Code of Conduct, Register of Interests Form and the Good Councillors Guide booklet for information. The Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed the interview questions. One applicant withdrew on the day; the remaining six were interviewed on Monday 29 September. The voting procedure followed the confidential cascading voting system, as recommended and used previously and which met the legal requirements. Each vacancy was treated separately. Vacancy one was filled with an absolute majority in the first round. Vacancy two was filled by an absolute majority in the second round after one candidate had been eliminated. The successful candidates (in alphabetic order) were Mr Anthony Butcher and Mr Andrew Richardson. The selection panel were very impressed by the standard of the applications.

Cllr Dennett proposed that these candidates be formally approved to fill the two vacancies. This was seconded by Cllr Earl and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then thanked the panel for their input and Cllr J Bull for 'meeting and greeting' the candidates on the evening. A vote of thanks was also offered to the Clerk.

The Meeting closed at 7:42pm