

Extraordinary Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd May in the Baptist Church Hall at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Moran (Interim Chair), Gray, Lee, & Olley

Prelim.

Permission was given by the councillors for recording the meeting, as will be future practice.

Declarations of non-pecuniary interests:

All: as trustee of Ashdon Village Hall

Councillor Moran as district councillor

1. Apologies for Absence. Councillors Horrigan & Goodwin.

2. Public Representations

Chris Pardue querying the exclusion of the press and public.

The chair clarified that this was not for items 1-5, and was on advice taken for dealing with human resource/employment issues, such as hours and pay.

3. Financial regulations

i. Agree to move to online banking

Explanation was given that the council would approve payments at future meetings and The Responsible Financial Officer would set them up online and councillors will be messaged for online approval per the mandate.

Proposed Councillor Moran, seconded Councillor Olley, passed unanimously.

ii. Agree changes to the banking mandate for Barclays account.

Delete ex Councillors Elsey & Smith and ex Clerk Green.

Operate to June with councillors Lee and Moran continuing as the only signatories.

Thereafter add two more signatories Clerk (TBA) and another councillor (TBA)

Proposed Councillor Moran, seconded Councillor Olley, passed unanimously.

iii. Request extension to the external audit deadline for 2022-3.

The normal deadline was 1 July 2024 and the proposal was to extend to 31 July 2024.

Proposed Councillor Moran, seconded Councillor Gray, passed unanimously.

iv. Appointment of internal auditor.

Ann Mangham had resigned with effect from 7 April 2024.

The aim was to appoint a replacement by 13 May and three candidates were identified by Councillor Gray.

4. Appointment of interim clerk

M.Laing. Proposed Councillor Moran, seconded Councillor Gray, passed unanimously.

5. Advertisement for new parish council clerk

Draft by Monday 6th May for insertion in the local paper, noticeboard and on facebook.

There was no other business for the public part of the meeting. Stuart Hastie