

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Council meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 16 November 2023 at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Aldcroft (Mayor), B. Chapman, M. Erwin, G. Groves, R. Hughes, W. Love, T. Manton, I. Nellins and A. Sanderson.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs J Beckett, T Beckett

In Attendance: 3 members of the public were present, and 2 member of the public listened to the meeting via Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk

The Mayor announced the meeting was being recorded and live streamed.

1.C APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Mrs J Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor T Beckett	-	Work Commitments

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.C EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting, and they are instructed to withdraw.

4.C COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Written applications for the Town Councillor vacancy were circulated prior to the meeting.

Each candidate returned to the chamber in turn and gave a presentation about themselves explaining why they would like to become a councillor; councillors were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

After all applicants had spoken, a brief discussion was had.

Councillor Sanderson proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

To Co-opt Philip Glover to the vacant position of Town Councillor.

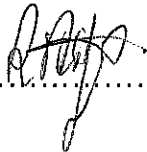
The Clerk left the Chamber to inform the applicants of the decision.

The Clerk and Councillor Glover re-entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

The Mayor congratulated and welcomed Councillor Glover to the Council.

Councillor Glover signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The meeting concluded 7.19 pm.

Chairman: 

Date: 11/1/24