MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 28 MAY 2024

Present: Councillor R Tynan (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, H Klein, D Nowell, S Rydzkowski, L Sheridan,

PS Smith

C22 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

<u>C23 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest</u> <u>Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

C24 Apologies for absence

The Council noted an apology for absence from Borough Councillor Cooksey.

C25 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2024 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C26 Co-option of members to fill vacancies in the East and West Wards - responses from (1) Borough Ward Councillors and (2) former members

The Clerk reported that Borough Councillor Sheridan had accepted the invitation to be considered for co-option to the Council. Councillor Cooksey had to decline the invitation having consulted consulted officers of the Borough Council on the statutory requirements for eligibility to be a member. Former members of the Council, Mrs M Banner and Mr D Nowell had accepted the invitation. Other former members had declined the offer on grounds of ill health. The Council having considered the report:

Resolved.

That Mrs M Banner, Mr D Nowell and Mr L Sheridan be co-opted as members for the West Ward.

(The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed by each person and the three named members joined the meeting. Councillor PS Smith then left the meeting).

- filling of remaining vacancies - approval of procedure

The Council considered the procedure to be followed to fill the remaining three vacancies for the East Ward and two vacancies for the West Ward by co-option having regard to advice from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). The Clerk reported that a number of expressions of interest had been received, and it was

Resolved,

That

1. public notice be given of the co-option of members;

- 2. a copy of the notice be sent to those have expressed an interest in being co-opted;
- 3. a form be prepared for applicants to complete based on the SLCC model having regard to the comments made by members.

C27 Matters of report from previous minutes

- review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back to the Council and appointment of representatives (Minute C11)

Councillor Klein expressed an interest in being appointed as a representative to the Friends of Woolston Park group and it was noted that Councillor Nowell had previously been the representative to the Public Rights of Way Forum:

Resolved,

That approval be given to the appointments for 2024-25.

<u>- changes to the Borough Council's constitution – Development Management</u> Committee (Minute C17)

The Council gave consideration to the revised procedure for the submission of views on supporting or objecting to a proposal along with relevant planning reasons within 21 days for it to trigger a call-in:

Resolved,

That representations be made to the Borough Council objecting to the changes introduced.

C28 Accounts

No payments to approve.

C29 Date of next meeting

The Council considered the day and time of the next meeting to include matters relating to the co-option of members:

Resolved.

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That the next meeting be held at 7.00	on Tuesda	y 25 June 2024.