

DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 19th December 2017

Present Cllrs. Baker, Dow & Swain (Acting Chairman) and 1 Dunchideock resident.
Mrs. Swain (taking notes). These proceedings were also recorded electronically.

1) Public Discussion – No comments received

2) Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. Goodchild & Ellis. Cllrs. K. Lake & J Goodey of TDC

3) Declarations Of Interest – None declared

4) Resignations of two Councillors and the Parish Clerk; Chairman relinquished post

The Chairman relinquished his post on 12/12/17 but remains on the Parish Council. The Clerk resigned 12/12/17 and her final day of employment is 11/01/2018 although because of holiday leave, she ceased working on 14/12/17. Cllrs. Eveleigh & McCarthy resigned on 22/11/17 and 2/12/17 respectively. Two Vacancy Notices are now published with a final expiry date of 2/01/18 after which, should no election be called, co-options may go ahead.

5) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Swain was elected as Chairman and Cllr. Baker elected as Vice-chairman.

6) Operational Problems of the Parish Council

Operational problems, including the 14 specific concerns listed in the Agenda, were discussed. It was Agreed that these were matters that had been detrimental to the correct operation of the Parish Council over recent months. Unfortunately they had not been able to be resolved by internal Parish Council communications. The Chairman assured Cllrs. and the member of the public, that such events will not reoccur and that Parish Council processes will be run in accordance with our regulatory documents.

7) Addition to the Standing Orders

Following the untoward event that occurred in the November Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to adopt an amendment to our Standing Orders with the additional clause 7.4 as follows:

When a vote is taken concerning the approval of the Minutes of a previous meeting, only those Councillors who have attended the meeting in question will be entitled to vote on them.

8) Date of the next meeting:- Tuesday 16th January 2018

Part II Meeting (Public Excluded)

A discussion took place regarding issues involving work of the Parish Clerk/RFO. It was Agreed that the Parish Council will not pursue these matters since the Parish Clerk has already resigned.

The next meeting will be on 16th January 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8pm