

# HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7:30PM AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Heaton in the Chair, Cllrs I Simmons, A Trought, J Goddard, T Stanbridge and M Summersgill, and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two candidates to be considered for co-option on to the Parish Council were in attendance; one left after Item 4.

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence as all Members were present.  
Borough Cllr Grace Couch had sent her apologies.

### 2. FILMING, RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHING

The members of the public did not wish to film, record or photograph the meeting.

### 3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

#### 3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 4. CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, one vacancy remains on the Parish Council. A notice was placed on the notice boards, in the Hunton Herald and on the website advertising the co-option of the vacancy. Two candidates expressed an interest in the role, both were present at the meeting. The two candidates were interviewed, using the same questions, with additional follow up questions where necessary.

**Members Agreed in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the candidates' personal attributes.**

The attributes of the candidates were discussed.

**The meeting was reopened to members of the press and public.**

Following a secret ballot, the Clerk announced that Simon Webb had received an absolute majority of the votes and was co-opted as Parish Councillor. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and joined the rest of the meeting as a Member. Cllr Webb was given a Disposable Pecuniary Interests form to complete and return to Maidstone Borough Council within 28 days.

### 5. PLANNING

#### 5.1 Planning Application

##### 5.1.1 Jennings Cottage, Hunton Hill - 24/503455/LBC

Listed Building Consent application for replacement windows and change weatherboarding to clay hanging tiles, plus creation of bathroom on first floor. (Works complete)

Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object.

### 6. DEFIBRILLATOR

Hunton & Linton Pre-School have advised that the defibrillator outside the Village Hall, which they purchased, is no longer included on The Circuit list as it is considered too old. If the emergency services were called, they would not be aware of the defibrillator as it is not registered.

Members **Agreed** that the Parish Council should purchase a new defibrillator as soon as possible and allocated a budget of £2,500. The Clerk will contact the Yalding Parish Council Clerk for advice and research options. The Clerk will obtain agreement from Members by email.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8:30pm.**