

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes to be approved on 11th May 2016

Present Cllr P Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr R Clarke, Cllr N Martin

In attendance S Gale (the Clerk),

Also present 0 members of the public

Date Tuesday 19th April 2016

Opened at 6pm Closed at 6.45pm

Subject Burley Parish Council co-option meeting

1 Public Participation None

Apologies: Cllr P Russell

2 For the purposes of this meeting only: Suspension of Standing Order 3r that states that voting shall be by a show of hands. It was decided that a secret ballot was not necessary and voting would be by a show of hands.

3 Councillor co-option: applicants will be asked a series of questions in turn to establish their suitability as a Parish Councillor Each applicant was interviewed without the other being present.

Veronica Johnson responded to the following questions:

Are you qualified to serve by electoral registration: Yes.

Are you disqualified from serving: No

Do you have any political affiliation: No

Do you have any experience of public speaking: a little.

Are you comfortable with speaking in public and representing BPC at official forums: Yes.

What are your reasons for wanting to be a Parish Councillor: Previous service as a Parish councillor for 8 years.

What do you see as the key issues in village: Planning, roads and traffic, speeding, large lorries cutting through the village.

What skills do you have to offer: previous experience of being a Parish Councillor.

Do you have any more information that we don't already have: No.

Are you available on 2nd Wednesday of each month: Yes

Are you able to use email: Yes

Do you have all the information you need to become a Parish Councillor: Yes

Karen Donaldson responded to the following questions:

Are you qualified to serve by electoral registration: Yes

Are you disqualified from serving: No

Do you have any political affiliation: No

Do you have any experience of public speaking: Not for several years

Are you comfortable with speaking in public and representing BPC at official forums: Very comfortable speaking in public and happy to represent BPC in public forums.

What are your reasons for wanting to be a Parish Councillor: Previous experience as a volunteer with several different groups in the community including work for Burley Youth Hostel, the Youth club and as a RSPCA home visitor. Believe you get out of community what you put in.

What do you see as the key issues in village: Young people's future particularly housing and issues for older people including accessibility. Transport for all age groups e.g. changes to the bus service.

What skills do you have to offer: Passionate about local issues; up to date with community issues e.g. possible primary school federation; an interest in maintaining the countryside and finding a balance between tourism and the environment; a good sense of humour; was a previous Chair of Governors at Burley primary school.

Do you have any more information that we don't already have: Plaintiff in a pending civil action court case against a used-car sales business.

Are you available on 2nd Wednesday of each month: Yes

Are you able to use email: Yes

Do you have all the information you need to become a Parish Councillor: Is there any training? Yes

4 Councillors will vote by secret ballot Not applicable

5 Declaration of the result Agreed: That Veronica Johnson and Karen Donaldson be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.