



BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN ARDEN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING [AGM]
MAY 13TH 2024

Present: Cllrs Andrews [Chair] Broadbent, Tomlinson, Rouse and Turner, Cllr Rice SDC.

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In Attendance: There were eighteen members of the public present.

**1. Election of Chair and to receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
M1.**

The Clerk advised all that this meeting would facilitate the election of the Chair of the JPC. Having received only one nomination, that of the present Chair, Cllr Andrews, he therefore asked if there were any other members who wished to be considered for the post, none spoke out. The Clerk therefore declared that the office of the Chair of the JPC was unopposed and instructed members to show their support for the appointment by a show of hands.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wendy Andrews was duly elected as Chair of the JPC until the next AGM in May 2025. The Clerk asked that she sign the formal declaration of acceptance of office which will be filed in the JPC archive.

Clerks Note: The newly elected Chair gave a short address to all assembled, a copy of this can be found under supporting documents on the JPC website.

**2. Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies.
M2**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Okey and Clark and accepted by all members present.

**3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.
M3**

No declarations of interest were raised by the members present.

**4. Election of Vice Chair and to receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
M4**

In the absence of Cllr Okey, the Chair advised all that said Councillor had offered her services to the JPC in the role of Vice Chair. The Clerk asked for a show of hands in support of this appointment which was unopposed.



RESOLVED: Cllr Okey was duly elected Vice Chair, the Clerk will obtain her declaration of acceptance at a convenient moment and present the signed document to all members present at the next Ordinary Meeting in June.

- 5. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th of May 2023.**

M5

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of May 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. The Minutes were approved by those Councillors who were present at that meeting.

- 6. To consider the re-engagement of the Internal Auditor.**

M6

The Clerk addressed all assembled on the matter of the appointment of the Internal Auditor. He asked if the members wished to re-appoint Mr Bob Morgan to the post of IA. **RESOLVED** the motion to re-appoint Mr Bob Morgan was approved by a unanimous show of hands by the assembled members.

- 7. To update all on the progress of the NDP.**

M7

In the absence of Cllr Clark, the Chair asked that Cllr Tomlinson update all assembled on the progress of the NDP. Cllr Tomlinson advised that a comprehensive publicity campaign had commenced and that all households were receiving advisory information on what the NDP represented to the community. He said that there were still residents who were puzzled by the actual wording of the referendum proposal and promised that the JPC would be providing more explanatory matter in time for the vote on the 30th of May. He briefly described outstanding planning applications [without detail] saying that they were most tree care or very minor household renovations. More detail will be provided in the June meeting.

- 8. To consider and if appropriate ratify the proposed BUDGET for 2024-2025**

M8

The proposed budget, posted on the website was shown on the large screen and the Chair ran through each item for the benefit of the members and residents present, she then asked for a vote on the matter. **RESOLVED** members supported the proposed budget by a unanimous show of hands.

Clerks Note: The Chair asked residents and members if they had any urgent matters to raise and there followed a lively exchange based mainly on a better understanding of the NDP referendum campaign. The Clerk and members of the JPC were overwhelmed by the help offered by residents in getting the message through to the community and several campaigns mounted by residents but the Chair cautioned all, that any signage designed, developed and placed in the public domain by residents must clearly differentiate itself from the JPC.

- 9. Date of next meeting.**

M9

The Chair thanked all for attending and advised that the next JPC Ordinary Meeting will be Monday 3rd of June 2024 at 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall.



Clerks Note: Residents should be aware that the Annual Accountancy Return **[AGAR]** will be on the Agenda for the 3rd of June and will be debated by members prior to its submission no later than June 30th, 2024.

Signed

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