

**MINUTES**  
**of the Extraordinary Full Council**  
**held online on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 5.30pm**

**Membership:**

<b>Vacancy (Broadway)</b>		<b>Cllr Macfarlane (West)</b>	*
<b>Cllr Brett (East)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Nicklin (West)</b>	*
<b>Cllr Davis (East)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Cllr Doyle (East)</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Cllr Ridout (West)</b>	*
<b>Cllr Fraser (West)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Robbins (East) Chairman of Council and Mayor</b>	*
<b>Cllr Fryer, (Broadway)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Spender (Broadway)</b>	*
<b>Cllr Jeffries, (Copheap) Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor</b>	*		

**Key:** \* Present    **A** Apologies    **AB** Absent

**In attendance:**

**Officers:** Tom Dommett, (Assistant Town Clerk), Stuart Legg (Park and Open Spaces Manager, Judith Halls, (Office Manager)

**Meeting Attendees:** Rev. Andrew Cooper, Asa Henry, Philip Keeble

**Online Meeting Attendees:** 2 Attendees

**FC/20/115    Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Doyle and Pitcher.

**FC/20/116    Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeffries declared an interest in agenda item 5, Casual Vacancy Co-Option of a Town Councillor (Warminster Broadway). He is a friend of one of the candidates; he would therefore remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion or vote.

Cllr Davis stated that in his opinion the meeting for the co-option process was flawed and he therefore would not take part. Before he left, he added that he had no problem with all the candidates personally and would accept the decision of the council.

*Councillor Davis left the meeting at 5.32pm*

**FC/20/117 Questions**

None.

**FC/20/118 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**FC/20/119 Casual Vacancy Co-option of a Town Councillor (Warminster Broadway)**

Following the resignation of Councillor Paul Batchelor, Wiltshire Council had formally confirmed that no requests were received to hold a by-election and that the Town Council were able to co-opt a new Town Councillor to represent the Warminster Broadway Ward. This casual vacancy had been advertised and three candidates had come forward: The Revd Andrew J Cooper, Asa Henry, and Philip (Phil) Keeble. Each candidate is qualified under the Local Government Act 1972 s.79

Each candidate made a short statement in support of their application.

Each Candidate then answered three questions:

**1. Time Commitment**

This is an unpaid job, you will have seen the calendar of meetings, not only are there committee meetings and full council meetings, on top of that there are working groups and other duties and expectations.

How much time are you able to commit to each month ?

**2. Important Issues**

What do you think are the most important issues facing the town council ? To what issues or interests can you specifically contribute?

**3. Dealing with the public**

How would you deal with a complaint from a resident about an issue you know little about?

**Members then voted on which candidate they wished to co-opt to Warminster Town Council.**

**A recorded vote took place with Cllrs Brett, Fraser, Fryer, Macfarlane, Nicklin and Ridout voting for Phillip Keeble. Cllr Robbins voting for Rev. Cooper and Cllr Spender voting for Asa Henry.**

**Mr Philip Keeble was the successful candidate to become the new member for Warminster, Broadway Ward.**

Cllr Robbins thanked all the candidates for their time and advised them that elections were forthcoming in May and if they wished to stand, they could contact Wiltshire Council.

**FC/20/0120 Communications**

Members asked for a press release on the new Councillor and appointed Cllr Robbins as spokesperson.

**Meeting closed at 6.23pm**