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STATUTORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2010 AT 7.30pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr J Day –Cllr C Brazier- Cllr D Crump-Cllr J Henchley-
Cllr D Horner-Cllr C Gowens.

Clerk; - Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance- Mr D Becker-Mrs G Moody-Pauline Barnes-Kevin Barnes-
Mr Russell Solts

At this statutory meeting of the Council it is the first and principle business to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Parish Year-2010-11 Followed by agreements on a structure and responsibilities of each committee.

1. APOLOGIES ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr A Cloke- Cllr Lewis. & Cllr Reeves, Cllr Brazier attending later. With council at present attending this meeting once a council quorum was reached the meeting proceeded at 7.35pm.

(Requires one third of members present or at least 4 or which ever is the greater-LGA 1972-Sect 12 paras 12-28-45)

There were no declarations from any member present.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr Henchley in attending this meeting requested the opportunity in announcements to address the members at this meeting. In a moving speech he said the time had come now it was his intention and decision to retire from the council as he felt time was appropriate with his incapacity. It was with regret over last two years his illness and hospitalisation had made him unable to participate or give the time he was used towards helping in the essential work the parish deserves. He also wanted to allow his seat to be taken by another person more able to give time to council work. Cllr Henchley told the meeting about his past in politics-local councils which goes back to about 1962 in Croydon where he stood for election and won. Then in 1967 he came here to live in Colney Heath and promptly got involved with local government. He very much enjoyed the work of local council and devoted his time to serving the community. One of his big campaigns was to get the longabout constructed on the A414 which was originally to slow traffic down. Modern cars with better road holding defeat the bends now at the excessive speeds we all know about. But in the original time and concept this traffic management idea has probably saved many lives from what used to be a difficult junction-exit for Colney Heath. It had indeed proven the safety issue but the next job for council is to improve it yet again. He paid tribute to the council in being well run and efficient within the limited powers and paid compliment to the work of the staff in ensuring that things ran smoothly.

It has made a great deal of difference to the parish having an efficient daily operation. He also thanked the fellow members for their support in his time at council, saying the meetings have always given opportunity to express views and comments without any rancour or disruption. Even with local political differences council always worked for the local good and wellbeing. He had enjoyed his time with Colney Heath Parish. In finalising and with a certain amount of sadness he wished to shake hands with all members and the Clerk saying he wanted to keep in touch and still be invited to the annual parish meeting each year. He also hoped members will take a few moments out from time to time and give a phone call or look in on him.

The Chair Cllr Day presented Cllr Henschley with a case of fine wine and paid tribute to his time with and work for the parish. He added that Cllr Henschley was a tough act to follow and wished him well from us all.

2 ELECTIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr D Horner was nominated as Chair, there being no other nominations-

Proposed by;-Cllr J Day

Seconded by;- Cllr J Henschley

All members present supported this decision and Cllr Horner took the chair

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

There was only one nomination

Cllr D Crump was proposed by Cllr Day

Seconded by Cllr D Horner

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Both councillors accepted their nominations the Parish (original bound) record book was not available at this meeting of the duly elected members their signings will be put at the next full council meeting. (Thursday June 10th)

3. AGREE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE

It was proposed the allowance be kept to £140 this year due to economic conditions

Proposed by Cllr D Horner

Seconded Cllr Crump

4. AGREE THE MEETING DATES FOR 2010-11 PARISH YEAR

The dates were read out by the Clerk and after a brief discussion they were fixed for the forthcoming parish year. Members requested some meetings be held at the Hill End and Highfield part of the parish and requested the Clerk arrange this. For any council the May- annual statutory meeting must be held by 1st June in any year. The Clerk will publish and circulate a list of meeting dates and make available on notice boards and web-site.

5 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA FORMAT

It was agreed by members present that the format of the agenda remains the same, based on the principle format agreed originally May 2006-2009.

Proposed by Cllr D Crump

Seconded Cllr J Day

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF COMMITTEES & WORKING PARTIES

It was agreed that the procedures and number of committees should stay to the similar format as last year and the chair and committee structure be elected as previous. Members were invited to nominate themselves to committees of their choice. The Clerk will send out a list. A new Allotment Committee should be set up.

Members agreed that for Cllr Brazier to remain on planning was most important.

One committee the Lafarge Liaison Group (LLG) Cllr Brazier will continue to attend and the option is open to any member also the Clerk may attend as well.

Remaining committee structures will be deferred to the next meeting on June 10th

Proposed by Cllr Crump

Seconded by Cllr Horner

Agreed by all present

7. APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was agreed that the procedures of outside bodies should stay the same as last year and be elected en-bloc.

The Association of Town and Parish Councils is open to all.

8. REVIEW OF DISTRICT COUNCIL PAPERS

Cllr Brazier to remain as the Chair of planning advisory.

9. ADOPTION OF STANDING AND FINANCIAL ORDERS

Agreed by all present to the continuation of acceptance based on 2008 meeting.

10. RESOLUTION-CODE OF CONDUCT & STANDING ORDERS

As set out in the Agenda -"That Colney Heath Parish Council" resolves to adopt the model Code of Conduct as formally agreed on 14th March 2004, to continue thereon from 13th May 2010 and to accept and abide by the full and declared Standing Orders as established in the full and only constitution of this Council. Members are aware of their obligations to inform the Clerk of any changes in their individual circumstances that may affect this ruling.

Proposed- Cllr J Day

Seconded- Cllr D Crump

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2007 INCLUDING SECT 12(2) No 1159

Accepted by all members.

COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted this council now has two vacancies, one at least for the Highfield Park area -the Chair added all efforts will be made to find a candidate. Cllr Gowens said she had a possible candidate who was Mr Russell Solts-here this evening. The Chair welcomed him to the meeting. The Clerk said public notices will be going out on 24th May for the statutory period. If no other candidates apply or come forward Mr Solts application can be considered at the July 3rd meeting.

Note

Code of Conduct from part III of LGA 2000 (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 and new code (2007) including Sect 12(2) of No 1159 Statutory Instrument is accepted.

As Clerk, I John Eric Dean Clerk to the Council & RFO -certify, to the Parish and Wards of Colney Heath this meeting was properly attended, structured-convened and held under the principles of LGA 1972 sect 12-para-7-13.

The meeting closed at 20.05hrs

John Dean
Clerk & RFO to the Council

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