

Burton Latimer Town Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting to be held at **7pm on Thursday 1st February 2024** at the Harold Mason Centre

Present

Cllrs S Baynes (Mayor) Cllrs A Watts (Deputy) Cllrs M Donn, J Davies, R Groome, N Padget M Scott, J Taylor, S Watts,

Clerk C Tilley

5 Residents

23/05/134	Apologies- Received and approved apologies from Cllr C Groome and from Gwyneth Mellors- a prospective candidate
23/05/135	Declaration of Interests- No one had anything relevant to declare
23/05/136	Public Participation – none wished to speak
23/05/137	Co-option The council had received written statements from all candidates who had presented themselves for co-option to the Town Council. The candidates present were invited to speak. Godfrey Bingley-local resident did not wish to speak. In order, Dean Nicholas – a local resident, Tony Gurney, with links to Burton Latimer and Paul Cooper, a local resident, all spoke regarding their backgrounds and what they would do for residents and the council if elected. In her absence, the Clerk read out Gwyneth Mellors statement
23/05/138	Voting- The Council resolved to exclude members of the public and press under Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss applicants and vote on them. All residents present retired to the small conference room. At this point Godfrey Bingley requested his statement be read out, council were already in closed session, but Cllr Watts read his statement out to presiding councillors. A secret ballot was held, with members handing voting slips to the Clerk. A unanimous vote was achieved on the first round of voting
23/05/139	Council then resolved to re-open meeting to declare result. Residents came back into the council chamber. Paul Cooper was declared the successful candidate and remaining candidates were thanked for their interest.
23/05/140	Paul Cooper signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Clerk as Proper Officer and received the Code of Conduct.
23/05/141	Date of next full council meeting- Tuesday 6 th February 2024

Signed as a true record of decisions made

Date