

Barnoldswick Town Council Agenda

The Civic Hall, Station Road, Barnoldswick, BB18 5NA

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at The Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick

Cllr Jayne Mills, Chairman

Councillors: Marjorie Adams, Lindsay Gaskell, Ken Hartley, Johannes Sauer, David Whipp, Tom Whipp and Zoe Thomas

18/43 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors:, Tiana Adams, Emma West and Claire Teall

18/44 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

18/45 To receive written applications for the office of Town Councillor and to co-opt 2 candidates to fill the existing vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies on the Town Council which are to be filled by co-option.in accordance with clause 44 of the councils' standing orders.

4 written applications have been received, and a copy of each you should have seen as part of your meeting pack documents.

There is no selection process prescribed by law for the co-option of persons to a town or parish council.

The way in which we intend to deal with these applications is taken from best practice guidelines for town and Parish councils and is set out as follows:-

Each applicant will be asked to give a short presentation of a maximum of five minutes, saying why they are interested in joining the Town Council, & what they can bring to the position.

Councillor's may then ask questions of the candidates that are relevant before we proceed to a vote. All candidates will be asked the same questions.

Since we have 2 vacancies, each vacancy will be dealt with and voted on separately.

Candidates' names will be read out in alphabetical order.

The winning candidate must have an absolute majority.

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In each instance if an absolute majority is not reached, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated.

All votes for each candidate will be recorded by the clerk to the council as the proper Officer and who will act as the returning officer.

On conclusion and selection of the first Candidate the second vacancy will be filled from the remaining three candidates by repeating the same selection process.

It would not be appropriate for candidates to undergo the presentation and questioning in a public forum and with the other candidates present.

Therefore, in accordance with standing order 68 - ***I am going to ask that:***

In View of the Special confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

Do I have a proposer and a seconder for a suspension of standing orders under the provisions of 26 (r) and (l) for the exclusion of the press and public, for the duration of the selection process? Johannes Sauer proposed and Tom Whipp seconded. It was unanimous that press and public were excluded from the meeting.

On conclusion of this part of the proceedings and before the results are disclosed, standing orders will be reinstated and the results announced

Each applicant then gave a short presentation.

A vote then took place.

Cllr Jayne Mills then proposed the following resolution that Michael Pearce and Liam Pickering be co-opted to the Town Council. Ken seconded this resolution and all councillors were in favour.

Resolved: That Michael Pearce and Liam Pickering be co-opted to the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 6:40pm

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 12th September 2018

**For further information please contact: Joanne Geldard, Town Clerk, The Civic Hall,
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