

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on Friday 14th July 2023 at 7pm at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion

Present: Omar Mirza (Chair), Dave Hayward, Richard Bellamy, Gary Sumner, Colin Offer and Kathy Glanville.

In Attendance: Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from John W, Joe Smith, John Emmins and approved at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interest none declared.

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions.

3. Locum to cover Parish Clerk transition

Omar Mirza confirmed that this extraordinary meeting has been called to approve expenditure for a locum Clerk to cover the position of Parish Clerk while the Parish Council sought to gain a replacement.

Omar Mirza confirmed that unfortunately the Locum Clerk that Swindon Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) offered to the Council has recently dropped out. They are in the process of looking for a replacement.

The Council are still going to need a Locum Clerk, so once another can be appointed, Parish Council need to have the budget approved to cover this expenditure. The contract can then be signed by two Councillors so that they can start straight away.

Omar Mirza confirmed that the proposed budget needed to cover the cost of a part-time locum Clerk working 2 days at week for around 10 weeks which would be around £6k.

A discussion took place in relation to the need to allow for expenses and it was agreed to include an allowance for that.

Dave Hayward asked where the funds will be allocated from. Omar Mirza confirmed that they will have to come out of reserves.

A motion was put forward to approve a budget of £6.5k to cover the cost of a Locum Clerk.

Proposed: Colin Offer, **Seconded:** Gary Sumner

Councillors voted 5 in favour 1 against

Resolved: Parish Council approved a budget of £6.5k to cover the cost of a locum Clerk.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm