

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6:00PM
IN THE TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON**

**Present: Councillor Ginny Boxall
 Suzie Burns
 Matthew Bayliss
 Graham Hill
 Lewis Jones
 Richard Platt
 Graham Titterington**

Town Mayor

In attendance:

Leah Coney - Town Clerk
Pat Harris
5 members of the public

72 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Paul Crossley, Sharon Cullen, Christopher Lawrence & Pam Jones. Councillor Amanda Durley did not attend.

73 Town Mayor's Announcements

There were no announcements

74 **Leader's Announcements**

There were no Leaders Announcements

75 Minutes of the last meetings held on 27th July 2022

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 27th July 2022 were approved and were signed by the Town Mayor.

76 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

There were no declarations.

77 **Questions to the Council from Members of the Public**

There were no questions or representations from members of the public.

78 Co-option of a ward councillor for Eastbrooke Ward

The Clerk confirmed that all four candidates who were present met the criteria required to be nominated.

The Town Mayor thanked all four candidates and expressed that with only one vacancy available, it was going to be a difficult decision as all of them were of a very high standard and any one of them would make an ideal councillor and she urged all to stand for election in May 2023. All Councillors present agreed with the sentiment.

Councillors were asked for Nominations:

Annie Lancaster was nominated by Councillor Graham Hill and seconded by Councillor Matthew Bayliss.

Steve Coatsworth was nominated by Councillor Graham Titterington, seconded by Councillor Richard Platt.

No other nominations were declared and therefore voting was undertaken by a show of hands.

Annie Lancaster received 4 votes and Steve Coatsworth received 3 votes.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Annie Lancaster as a Councillor for Alton Town Council.

The Town Clerk then confirmed the formal process:

1. The successful candidate will be summoned to attend the next Full meeting of the council by which time they must have signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and read and understood the Code of Conduct adopted by the council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office is kept by the clerk.
2. The clerk to inform the District Authority Returning Officer of the name of the successful candidate
3. All new councillors must, within 28 days of election to office, register their interests with the District Council or Unitary Authority Monitoring Officer. Forms are usually supplied by the Monitoring Officer or by the clerk.
4. Training will be on a 1:1 basis with the Town Clerk

79 Town Council I.T. contract

Members received full details in their bundles of a quote received from the Council's current telecoms and IT provider, Chalvington to replace and upgrade the Council's current contract to a Private Cloud based system and upgraded WIFI/telephone lines which (as before) includes support and maintenance. A benchmarking exercise had been undertaken to check this was competitive in the market place, although switching suppliers at this time was not recommended due to the increased capital expenditure of new hardware which would be

required. This is in compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations pertaining to telecoms provision.

On the proposal of Councillor Graham Titterington seconded by Councillor Suzie Burns it was

RESOLVED to approve the contract with Chalvington at a cost of £873.64 per month for a period of 5 years (60 months)

80 **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

On the proposal of Councillor Ginny Boxall, seconded by Councillor Graham Titterington it was

RESOLVED to

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded

81 **Town Council Properties**

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The meeting finished at 6.25 p.m.