

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Batheaston Parish Council held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2020

Present: Councillors Patrick Vandestein (Chairman), Derek Greener, Catherine Gregory, Catherine McCarthy, Alexis Pavlou, Hannah Squire.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

- 1. There was no Public Participation.**
- 2. Apologies were accepted** from Councillors Paula Day, James Jeffrey, and Matt Tovey.
- 3. There were no declarations of interest.**
- 4. Council considered 4 candidates for co-option as follows:**
 - 4.1.** Ms Tamsin May introduced herself and her reasons for putting herself forward. She moved to Batheaston over 3 years ago and has thought about joining the Council before. The Covid-19 pandemic had caused her to put herself forward now: she has been spending more time in the village, working from home, walking around the village. She appreciates the facilities, environment, and the countryside. She wishes to play a greater part in the community.
 - 4.1.1. There were no questions from Councillors.
 - 4.2.** Ms Alison James has lived in Batheaston 2005, two businesses in Batheaston, in sports massage, Nordic walking and renting paddleboards. She feels very much part of the community; her children have attended the local schools. She loves the village and would love the opportunity to become more involved in the community.
 - 4.2.1. There were no questions from Councillors
 - 4.3.** Mrs Sue Peachey has lived in the village since 2003, and her grandparents were married in the village, so she has deep roots. She indicated that she had been lucky enough to take part in the "Climate Assembly UK", which she had found an eye-opener, had changed her views, and she was keen to contribute to what she learned to the community.
 - 4.3.1. There were no questions from Councillors
 - 4.4.** Mr Andrew Lea set out his reasons for wanting to become a Councillor again, having previously resigned in March 2020. He has lived in the village since 2002 and has teenage children who have attended local schools. He hopes to bring his skills in marketing and communications. He would like to resume his role in respect of Bathampton Meadows, to ensure that it remains the valuable amenity for the community. He is a passionate about ensuring that the Council is representative of the whole community and is open and accessible to all.
 - 4.4.1. There were no questions from Councillors
- 5. Council voted on each co-option in turn:**
 - 5.1. Council resolved** to co-opt Ms Tamsin May
 - 5.2. Council resolved** to co-opt Ms Alison James
 - 5.3. Council resolved** to co-opt Ms Sue Peachey
 - 5.4. Council resolved** to co-opt Ms Andrew Lea

- 5.5. The Clerk indicated that he would arrange for the new Councillors to sign the declaration of acceptance forms in his presence at the earliest possible. He confirmed that they are able to participate in the Council meeting which followed this meeting.

Forthcoming Meetings

Parish Council Meeting, 7:15pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020

Parish Council Meeting, 7:15pm on Tuesday 6th October 2020

Parish Council Meetings are open meetings; members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak by invitation.

Signed: -  Parish Clerk Date 4th September 2020