

Earsham Parish Council
Minutes
of a meeting of Earsham Parish Council held in Earsham Village Hall on
Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Present: Councillors: Richard Randlesome, Richard Naunton, Tony Leech and Keith Reeve

Also present: Lynda Ling (Clerk)

1. **Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting
2. **Apologies from members unable to attend** – Apologies were received from Cllr. Jim Bennett and District Cllrs Brendan Bernard and Chris Brown
3. **Declarations of interest, in particular matters to be raised at this meeting**
 - **To note any declarations of members pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary/other interests pertaining to items on the following agenda** – None
 - a) **To consider any dispensation requests** - None
4. **Co-option of potential candidates**
 - **To consider co-opting candidates who have come forward in response to a casual vacancy on the council, and if appropriate, to appoint a councillor by co-option. If an appointment is made, the new councillor, if present, should then sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

At the previous week's meeting, it was decided to convene an extra parish council meeting to co-opt from three potential candidates (as there was no overall majority and stalemate being reached each time). Since the previous week two candidates had withdrawn their applications and the third could not make the meeting this evening and questions were raised as to whether the third candidate still wished to be considered. After some discussion, it was decided to defer any co-option until confirmation had been received from the third candidate that they were still interested in becoming a councillor, the two candidates who withdrew will be contacted to ask if they wished to reconsider.

ALL AGREED
ACTION - CLERK

5. **Resolution to approve the Minutes of previous meetings**
 - **Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2023** – Agreement proposed by Cllr. Randlesome and seconded by Cllr. Naunton
6. **Update on matters arising from the previous meeting** – The Clerk gave a brief update on items from the previous meeting which were currently being investigated – these were the footpath which has not been cut and the missing sign at the Bungay end of the village. Cllr. Meade also gave a brief update on the fingerposts which are now painted although a slight touch up of colour will be required.
7. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 27th September 2023

Signed R. Randlesome

Meeting ended at 20.14

Date 27th September 2023