

# St. Albans Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **St. Albans Parish Council** held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 held at 7pm, at Emmanuel Church Hall, Church View Close, Nottingham.

Present: Cllrs. D White, F Lari, D Jones, J Todd, R Ellis, S Boulton, R Gardiner, S Jablonskas, J King.

Also present: 2 members of the public, County Councillors W Lukacs and J Semens.

## **686/25 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

a) Nominations for Chair.

Cllr. Dylan Jones (proposed Cllr. Jones, seconded Cllr. Lari. 5 in favour, 4 against.)

Cllr. David White (proposed Cllr. King, seconded Cllr. Todd. 4 in favour, 5 against.)

**It was resolved to elect Councillor Dylan Jones as Chair.**

b) Nominations for Vice-Chair.

Cllr. Francesco Lari (proposed Cllr. Boulton, seconded Cllr. Jablonskas. 5 in favour, 3 against.)

**It was resolved to elect Councillor Francesco Lari as Vice-Chair.**

## **687/25 APOLOGIES**

No Apologies were received.

## **688/25 ELECTORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

A member of the public expressed the opinion that the policies in items 695 and 696 require additional work to bring them into sufficient compliance with current regulations

## **689/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. D White declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 700.

## **690/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**It was resolved to exclude the public from items 693, 699, 700 and 701** as discussion of these items was likely to disclose confidential information about individuals (proposed Cllr. Lari, seconded Cllr. Jablonskas, 4 in favour, 3 against.) Item 693 is moved to after 698.

## **691/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING**

**It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April as accurate** (proposed Cllr. Ellis, seconded Cllr. Jablonskas 3 in favour, 0 against).

692/25

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr. Ellis (Borough) reported on the community kitchen, new Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Gedling, and Community Governance Review outcome (to be voted on by Gedling Borough Council on 1 June).

Cllr. Gardiner reported on pothole issues and resolution of street-lighting damage caused by a tree branch.

Cllr. King reported on infrastructure concerns, inadequate police response to anti-social behaviour incidents, ongoing off-road motorcycle problems, communication failures regarding agenda items, and access issues due to road works with inadequate notification and poor communication from Gedling Borough Council.

Cllr. White welcomed the outcome of the Community Governance Review.

Cllr. Jablonskas reported on CCTV progress for Muirfield Park.

Cllr. Lari reported on the local parkrun and associated parking issues.

Cllr. Jones reported on the Muirfield litter pick.

694/25

### **Attendance of Notts ALC AGM**

**It was resolved that Cllr. S Boulton attend the Notts ALC AGM as nominated delegate with voting rights** (proposed Cllr. Jablonskas, seconded Cllr. White, 8 in favour).

695/25

### **APPROVAL OF SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**Councillors White and King left the meeting at 8:35pm, before voting took place.**

**It was resolved that the policy requires further review, and that a working group comprising Councillors Jones, Jablonskas, and Ellis be established to review the policy** (proposed Cllr. Gardiner, seconded Cllr. Lari, 5 in favour, 1 against).

696/25

### **APPROVAL OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

**It was resolved that the policy requires further review, and that a working group comprising Councillors Jones, Jablonskas, and Lari be established to review the policy** (proposed Cllr. Ellis, seconded Cllr. Lari, 5 in favour, 1 against).

**- It was resolved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes -**

697/25

### **APPROVAL OF WARREN NOTICEBOARDS**

**It was resolved to accept the quote from The Parish Noticeboard Company with installation provided by DJB – the offer of acceptance is conditional to the approval for locations being received** (proposed: Cllr. Lari, seconded: Cllr. Ellis, all in favour).

698/25

**ZURICH INSURANCE POLICY: RENEWAL**

**It was resolved that the policy be renewed** (proposed: Cllr. Lari, seconded: Cllr. Gardiner. All in favour).

**- Pursuant to decision 690/25, the public is excluded from the meeting at this point -**

693/25

**DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS REGARDING RECRUITMENT OF LOCUM CLERK AND PERMANENT CLERK**

**It was resolved that Callum Bryant be appointed Locum Clerk at £20 p/h for 7 hours per week with immediate effect. Councillor Ellis delegated to finalise contract terms** (proposed: Cllr. Lari, seconded: Cllr. Boulton, 4 in favour, 1 against).

**- It was resolved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes -**

699/25

**ZURICH INSURANCE POLICY: REPORT ON CLAIM PROGRESS**

Cllr. Lari gave a report on the claim progress, noting that the insurance company has declined the legal defence claim and the council have provided instruction to Surrey Hills Solicitors to provide legal counsel.

700/25

**AGAR REPORT**

**It was resolved to restate the 23/24 AGAR figures within the 24/25 Accounting Statements to match the bank account** (proposed: Cllr. Jablonskas, seconded: Cllr. Ellis, 6 in favour, 1 against).

701/25

**FOI REQUESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS FOR INTERNAL REVIEWS**

**It was resolved that the Locum Clerk conduct the internal review as an independent party** (proposed: Cllr. Lari, seconded Cllr. Boulton, 6 in favour, 1 against).

**- Members of the public were readmitted to the meeting, none present -**

702/25

**TO DECIDE THE DATE OF THE 2025/26 MEETINGS**

**It was resolved to keep the usual date of the last Tuesday of the month, excluding August and December** (proposed: Cllr. Gardiner, seconded Cllr. Boulton, all in favour).

**- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:29 PM -**