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MINUTES of the MEETING OF WHITWICK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 7.00 pm in Park Hall, Whitwick Park, off North Street, Whitwick

Present: Councillor S Colledge

Cllrs Barker, Briers, Casson, Collins, Gillard, Moulton, Roach, Woodward, & Wyatt

In Attendance:
Jake Atkinson (CEO, LRALC)

| | | ACTION |
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| 3430 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| | Cllr Greenwood was not present. | |
| 3431 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | |
| | There were no declarations of interest for the purpose of this agenda. | |
| 3432 | EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS | |
| | Members to consider, in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, whether the public and press is excluded from parts of the meeting below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. | |
| 3433 | STAFFING | |
| | Update provided on current status of recruitment. | |
| | A recommendation was made by staffing to appoint Ms Sharon Kaye following the recruitment process which was led by NWLDC. | |
| | Cllr Gillard moved to follow the recommendations | |

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| | An amendment was proposed by Cllr Woodward to offer the position to the current Acting Parish Manager and not follow the recommendations of staffing. The amendment was not accepted. | |
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| | The vote then moved to the substantive proposal. | |
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| | A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Barker: | |
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| | FOR appointing Ms Kaye | |
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| | Cllrs Barker, Casson, Collins, Gillard, Moulton and Roach | |
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| | AGAINST appointing Ms Kaye | |
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| | Cllrs Briers, Colledge, Woodward and Wyatt | |
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| | The council then considered the matter of a handover period and decided on 4 weeks. | |
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| | The candidate's reference will be required by the council. | |
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| | LRALC will advise on the training of the candidate. | |
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| | The Acting Parish Manager will be an equal to the new candidate until her temporary position comes to an end on 31 st March 2024. This will facilitate the transition. | |
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| | There were also discussions about the probationary period for the new appointee. | |
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| | The amount of TOIL than can be accrued and details of the contract were discussed. | |
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| | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | |
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| | Next meeting to be held on: Thursday 25 th January 2024 | |
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| | The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35 pm | |