

EATON & ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Extraordinary General Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd
August 2023**

Village Hall, Eccleston at 7.00pm

Minutes

1. Apologies

Present: Cllr Tony Deakin, Cllr Dean Shepherd, Cllr Lee Hobson, Cllr Greg Vickers, Ruth Shackleton

Apologies: Cllr Janet Middlehurst, Richard Huxley (Clerk)

2. Recruitment of Councillors to Casual Vacancies

Cllr Hobson reported that the two vacancies had been advertised on the Parish website and village notice board for the statutory period and that there had been four expressions of interest.

CWaC confirmed that there had been no request for an election, and that recruitment via co-option was the appropriate way forward.

Of the four expressions of interest, one person withdrew from the process, one person was written to on a number of occasions but didn't respond, which left two candidates in the running.

Both candidates had completed the necessary eligibility forms and met all the appropriate criteria.

We are pleased to announce that,

Anthony Jordan - Eccleston
Arran Dennis – Eaton Park

Have been co-opted by unanimous vote (Proposed Cllr Deakin, Seconded Cllr Hobson) onto the Parish Council and will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting as Councillors.

3. Recruitment of Clerk to the Parish Council

Richard Huxley has served as Clerk to Eaton and Eccleston Parish Council for over a decade and has recently decided to step down and free up time for his other interests. The Council wish to record their gratitude for the work that Richard has done over the years.

After consultation with ChALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) it was agreed that the Council could approach Clerks from neighbouring Councils to see if there was any interest in the post. After an initial consultation and a subsequent meeting Cllr Hobson proposed Ruth Shackleton.

Cllr Hobson introduced Ruth Shackleton to the meeting. Ruth gave a brief background and highlighted the relevance of her experience with 5 other Parish Councils.

Ruth was voted unanimously (Proposer Cllr Hobson, Seconder Cllr Deakin) into the position of Clerk to Eaton and Eccleston Parish Council. Cllr Hobson will work with Ruth and Richard and Cllr Deakin (Chair) to agree a handover of the role.

4. Date of next meeting

The Date is confirmed as 3rd October at 7:15pm at Eccleston Village Hall