

Woodchester Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Woodchester Parish Council held on 7th December, 2016 in the Undercroft Room of St. Mary's Church, North Woodchester at 6pm

Present: Cllrs. Hamilton, Lead, Warnes, McNealey, Baynham-Honri and Baldauf

In attendance: The clerk and two members of the public

2016/141 To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2016/142 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

2016/143 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3rd November, 2016.

These were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Cllr. Hamilton.

2016/144 To consider and agree whether two candidates can jointly be considered for co-option in order to share the role of Parish Councillor.

Cllr. Hamilton gave the background to the vacancy and explained that during the process of co-option, two residents had questioned whether the post could be a shared one. As there was no precedence for this, advice had been sought from Stroud District Council, the National Association of Local Councils and the Gloucestershire Association of Town and Parish Councils. The advice received was that in an election process, one and only one candidate is legally able to fill a single post and that co-opted posts should be treated in the same way. Therefore the role of a Councillor should not be a shared one.

Having discussed whether the role of a Parish Councillor should be a shared one, Councillors unanimously voted that they were not in a position to contradict the advice they had received that the post not be shared.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Chair..... Date.....

Initials.....