

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 22 May 2007

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Jo Ferguson, Rob Greatorex and Allan Stone.
In attendance	One member of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Public Open Session	No matters were raised.
Apologies	Parish Councillor Mat Adlam-Stiles.
515/07 Co-option of members of the Council	<p>Chair's statement and update The Chair informed the meeting that the resignation of Councillor Mason at the Annual Meeting on 14 May 2007 created a casual vacancy rather a further co-option. This needs to be filled by a legal process in conjunction with DDDC. This means that the decision taken on co-option of three candidates at that meeting is invalid, there being only two co-option vacancies. The Chair apologised for allowing this mistake to happen.</p> <p>Procedure The vote to elect two co-opted members of the Parish Council will be a secret ballot with each member present at the meeting having two votes. The votes will be counted by the Clerk.</p> <p>Election Stephen Harrison and Don Shimwell were duly elected as members of the Parish Council.</p>
516/07 Ratification of decisions made at the meeting on 14 May 2007	<p>Resolved To ratify all decisions of the meeting on 14 May 2007 which had all been carried unanimously by that meeting.</p>
517/07 Election of members to village organisations	<p>Resolved That Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will sit on the Burton Institute Committee until another Councillor can be elected. All other elections will stand.</p>
518/07 Declaration of Casual Vacancy	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">To note the resignation of Parish Councillor Frank Mason and that the Parish Council formally declare a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor;That in accordance with defined procedures the Clerk will notify the Returning Officer at DDDC in order to initiate the process of filling the vacancy; andThat the Clerk will write to Frank Mason thanking him for his work and valued contribution during his time on the Parish council.
Public open session	No matters were raised.
519/07 Matters for information	None were raised.
Next meeting	Monday 4 June 2007.