



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Full Council meeting held Thursday 19th January 2023

Present Councillors: **D. Andrews (Chair), A. Copeland (Vice-Chair), C. Alsopp, D. Brown, D. Fretwell, M. Howis, C. McCartan, P. Owen, D. Oxley, J. Ronksley, N. Ronksley, A Scott, C Walker & A. Winsborough.**

Apologies were received from Councillors: **E. Humphreys and T. Murphy.**

Absent: **M. Belcher**

There was one member of public in attendance, and three candidates for Co-Option.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

9257 To receive and approve reasons for absence.

Resolved:- The council received and approved the reasons for absence from E. Humphreys and T. Murphy.

9258 To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.

Resolved:- There were no declarations of interests raised.

9259 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023.

No matters were raised with the minutes.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held **Thursday 19th January 2023** be approved and file copy was signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

9260 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed.

The Council were advised that the Co-Option process will be open to the public and that no private discussions should take place prior to the vote. Councillors were made aware not to make reference to any personal information within individuals' applications, otherwise we may have to refer to close session.

Resolved:- No items were identified for exclusion.

9261 Public Participation Session

No public questions were received.



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9262 To receive written applications for the office of Parish councillor and to Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy.

The Council received applications for each of the candidates ahead of the meeting, along with a copy of the Co-Option policy. Candidates were each given a maximum of five minutes to address the Council and time for questions afterwards.

Brian Clark -

He has lived in Brampton for over 20 years, and married for over 40 years. He has a broad experience from his working life which would help in the role and is due to retire which would give him more time.

He has experience working in a local resident association where he has previously been the chair - this involved running events and putting on pressure to ensure that we achieve the best for residents such as new footpaths.

He hopes to create a better link between Brampton and the rest of the parish.

Questions -

Would you have time to be on committees? Yes, I need to be on as a whole parish. I do feel that Brampton needs a voice.

Did you put your name forward at the last election? Not at the last one.

Joseph Richardson -

He feels he is already known by a few people on the Council. He is not from Thurcroft originally but it is his 3rd attempt to join the Council. He has a fond passion for politics having studied it in school. He feels he is pragmatic enough and knows when to sit, act, listen or be quiet.

He runs his own business - previously in management.

He works with Deaf Children of Rotherham and likes to give back to the community.

He has the time to commit to the role and has big ideas, that may not work but they are always ideas.

I really want to give back and be apart of something.

Questions -

You say you see this as a step? I want to step into local politics and achieve something.



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You have political ambition? I studied politics, but I don't want to be a politician.

Richard Ryder -

Some may know him. He has a security company, two children and wants the kids to grow up with events. He has run festivals before and he was involved in the Veterans event last year with help from the Top Club.

Questions -

Why do you want to join the council? Its community and I want to be involved.

What's the history of Thurcroft? Pit Village.

Councillors proceeded to the vote with a show of hands for each candidate.

One of the councillors called for the votes to be verified as it didn't total the number of people in the room. This was recounted and the votes were recorded as follows.

- Brian Clark - 8 Votes
- Joseph Richardson - 2 votes
- Richard Ryder - 4 votes

Resolved:- That Brian Clark be duly co-opted as a Councillor onto Thurcroft Parish Council.

9263 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

No matters were raised for inclusion on the next agenda.

9264 To set the date of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Thursday 26th January 2023** at 6.30 pm in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 18:55.