**ALBY WITH THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8 June 2016 at 7.30 pm

in Thwaite All Saints Church Room

Present: Chairman, Barry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chairman, Will Cutts

Councillor James Buchan, Councillor Stephen Jordan

Councillor Stephen Wade, Parish Clerk: Rosalyn Dawson

Mr David Joyce, Mr Will Mellor

Visitors: Two members of the Public

Apologies for absence: Councillor Lesley Hennessey

1. Chairman’s Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the candidates and visitors who attended. He said the purpose of the meeting was to co-opt a new Councillor.

2. Co-option

The Chairman said that the Council has received two ‘expressions of interest’ to serve on the Parish Council in the vacancy created by the retirement of John Mims. He said the candidates are Mr David Joyce and Mr Will Mellor. He requested each candidate delivers their submissions to everyone present.

According to the content of the submissions the combined relevant factors for consideration were:

* local residency
* supporter of local events and awareness of local issues
* previous experience of being a Councillor
* knowledge and computer skills
* supporter of conservation

A member of the public was supportive of the conservation aspect.

The Chairman asked the candidates and members of the public to leave the meeting for voting to take place.

The Councillors discussed the content of each submission. They considered the priorities for the Parish Council at the present time,

* They identified the need for a Councillor with computer skills.
* They identified that conservation is a priority given that much of the Parish, (Thwaite Common) is in a conservation area and parishioners were in support of the Common.

The voting was cast unanimously in favour of Will Mellor.

Non-Agenda item

The Chairman stated that the NNDC have advised that meetings should be held where there are facilities. He had made some enquiries regarding Erpingham Village Hall and their charge is £10 per hour and Alby Horseshoes whom he had not received a response from yet.

Councillor Buchan expressed a wish to hold the meetings within the parish boundary. Action: Chairman to pursue enquiries and notify Councillors.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.