

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2011 - Unapproved

Present:

Michael Green – Chairman
Elena Softley – Vice Chairman
Paul Williams
Celia Adamson
Simon Oliver
Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Apologies:

Members of the Public – None

Minute	Action
<p>Apologies – None</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that the extra meeting had been called to discuss the issue of co-opting an additional Parish Councillor and that there were two candidates both of which had expressed agreement to go forward for an election if necessary.</p> <p>The Chairman said that the cost of asking for an election to be called was prohibitive and called for a vote to be made.</p> <p>Elena Softley reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had a duty to the residents of Combe and needed to be ready to account for the decision that was being made.</p> <p>Elena Softley proposed that Don Slatter be co-opted onto the Parish Council on the grounds that he has demonstrated commitment, community spirit, has useful professional experiences and that he has the time and energy to be an excellent Councillor.</p> <p>Michael Green proposed that Philippa Howells be co-opted on the grounds that she represents an area of the community that has not been previously represented and that she has new energy which will make an excellent Councillor.</p> <p>Paul Williams and Celia Adamson both said that they supported Philippa. The Chairman then called a vote which went as follows:</p> <p>Don Slatter – 2 votes – Elena Softley and Simon Oliver Philippa Howells – 3 votes- Michael Green, Paul Williams and Celia Adamson.</p> <p>With the majority Philippa Howells was co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>Clerk to inform candidates and Keith Butler, Returning Officer.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked every-one for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>JS</p>