



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Remote Extraordinary Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st Sept at 7.30pm on the Microsoft Teams Platform

Present

Councillor D. Stutchbury (Chairman)
Councillor C. Hotblack (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R. Chalk
Councillor L. Davis
Councillor J. Horsman
Councillor K. James
Councillor J. James
Councillor M. Meldrum
Councillor B. Strutton
Councillor G. Taylor

In Attendance

Mrs. B Cox (Parish Clerk)

1601.1 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

1602	Procedural Matters 1602.1 To accept apologies for absence Councillor P. Burr was absent and no apologies were received for his absence 1602.2 To accept any declarations of interests There were no declarations of interest received 1602.3 To resolve that the public and press be excluded from discussion on items 1603.1 and 1603.2 due to their sensitive nature Councillor K. James proposed that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda items 1603.1 and 1603.2 namely - matters affecting staff the press and public should be excluded from this part of the meeting. Councillor	
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	Stutchbury seconded this proposal and it was APPROVED.	
1603	<p>Staffing Matters</p> <p>1603.1 To receive the recruitment panel's report and appointment recommendation on the candidates interviewed for the RFO vacancy.</p> <p>Councillor Chalk gave background on the recruitment phases for the RFO vacancy. She advised there had been two rounds of recruitment the first was unsuccessful but the second was shortlisted to 4 interviewees that were interviewed over a two-day period. She explained that there were two particularly strong candidates.</p> <p>The recruitment panels recommendation was disclosed as Richard Wheatley and it was explained that any offer would be subject to references.</p> <p>1603.2 To approve the appointment of the recommended candidate as RFO</p> <p>The recruitment panel's recommendation was unanimously APPROVED and Richard Wheatley was appointed as Ardingly Parish Council RFO subject to references.</p> <p>There was then discussion around appropriate salary scale and a salary range was unanimously APPROVED.</p> <p>Councillor Chalk was asked to contact the successful applicant and formally offer him the position. The Clerk was asked to draft the offer letter and contract for the applicant.</p>	