**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19:15 on Thursday July 22nd in the Village Hall**

**Present:** **Councillors** Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows Jim Sampson .

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson

**Apologies** none

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| 2021/22- 47 | **Introduction** | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which was for sole the purpose of interviewing the 3 candidates for the vacant post of Parish Councillor. The candidate’s applications had been circulated to the Councillors a week earlier.  |
| 2021/22-48 | **Apologies** | none |
| 2021/22-49 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported.  |
| 2021/22-50 | **Co-option of councillor** | The three candidates, Tim O’Callaghan, John Quick and Shaun Stanbury were interviewed in alphabetical order. Each interview lasted between 20 and 30 minutes. All candidates were asked the same questions by the councillors, and given an opportunity to ask questions of the Council. |
| 2021/22-51 | **Discussion** | There was a full and frank discussion which allowed the Councillors to air their views on the three candidates. It was felt that all of them would be a good Parish Councillor. After about 20 minutes it was agreed to hold a ballot.  |
| 2021/22-52 | **Ballot** | The Clerk distributed pre-printed ballot forms with the three candidate’s names on and asked each Councillor to vote for their first choice. John Quick received a simple majority on the first vote, and was then co-opted onto Coldridge Parish Council  |
| 2021/22-53 | **Follow-up** | Andrew Green would contact the three candidates and having done so would let the Clerk know. The Clerk would then send the Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest documents to the successful candidate for completion. |

The meeting closed at 21.30

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