

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7.00pm in the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

Open Forum – Two potential candidates for the casual vacancy of the Council attended the meeting.

Attendance: Chairman Ashleigh Bolton, Vice Chairman Bob Locke, Cllrs Donna Morris, Debbie Hale, Eddie Lord, Andrew Gilbert, Alison Lewis and Andrew Mc Lean. Cllr Cat Dodman attended via Zoom

- 022 Apologies received from Cllr John Carney and accepted by Council
- 023 No declarations of interest and therefore no dispensations required
- 024 Two of the three potential candidates for the casual vacancy attended the meeting, Rachel farrow and Lesley Copus, having previously had interviews with some of the Council. A third candidate, Theo Harris, also was interviewed but was unable to attend the meeting. All Councillors attending the meeting, excluding Cllr Dodman, cast their vote and, by majority, Rachel Farrow was co-opted to the Council. Cllr Farrow signed her declaration of acceptance of office and completed an interest form. Council thanked all three candidates and said the standard was extremely high and it was difficult to choose between them.
- 025 The Clerk and Cllr Lord explained that our website manager recommended we move the website to a new, more secure and responsive platform. He also recommended that, at the same time, Council take the opportunity to have a new website as the current one is quite old. The new website will look more modern, offer better functionality and will be easier and better to make changes. As there would be a cost to move to the new platform it would be cheaper over the long-term to upgrade the website at the same time.

Cllr Locke proposed that BPC authorise the expenditure of £900 for the new website and platform. Seconded by Cllr Morris and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.30. The next scheduled Full Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Signed Date