

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.15pm**

**In attendance: Councillor E Foden (chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, T Jopling, M McCluskey, A Mortimer, D Simpson, S Tate, N Thompson, A Voke.**

**Candidates for co-option: Sallyann Hewitt (joined the meeting at 7.28pm), John Saxton, Richard Webster.**

**Meeting open to the public. Zoom meeting ID: 876 2284 1633 Passcode: 462416**

- 1. Apologies for absence. None.**
- 2. Co-option of one Councillor to fill vacancy in Rudby.**

The Chair introduced the councillors and explained the process – the Councillors have already read the statements submitted by the candidates. The candidates were invited to address the Council with anything else they wished to add. Both Richard Webster and John Saxton did so. The clerk read out the submission from Sallyann Hewitt. Just as the Chair was adjourning the open meeting to enable the Councillors to consider the options Ms Hewitt joined the meeting and also addressed the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.34pm. Once again it was felt that there was a very strong field and any of the candidates would be suitable for appointment. It was agreed that the unsuccessful candidates should be asked to join the register of volunteers and to be given the opportunity to participate in help with future events or working parties.

The Councillors returned at 8.01 pm to vote. Mr Saxton and Mr Webster re-joined the meeting.

The candidates were thanked again for putting themselves forward.

Councillor Thompson nominated John Saxton, five other councillors voted in favour. This being an absolute majority Mr Saxton was invited to become a Councillor and having accepted was formally co-opted on to the Council.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.04pm.

