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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Present – Cllr Chapman (Chair), Cllr Harrison, Cllr Wilkinson, Philip Corr, Alison Willoughby-Browne (Clerk), DCllr Davis.

- **34/24-25** Welcome and apologies for absence Chairman welcomed those present, indicated emergency exits. Apologies received from DCIIr Rogers.
- **35/24-25 Declarations of interest and co-option of new Councillor -** no declarations of interest. Cllr Harrison proposed that Professor Philip Corr be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, motion carried. Philip read and signed the declaration of acceptance (countersigned by Clerk) and was welcomed.

## 36/24-25 Current Topics -

Surveyor fees – for commemorative plaque. After Cllr Harrison had met with the Chief Executive of TDC, the legal fees of £550 were waived. Cllr Harrison had hoped that there would be no cost to the Parish Council, however, the reduced surveyor fees of £120 were clarified at a meeting with TDC Head of Property and a Surveyor. Cllr Harrison proposed that the Parish Council paid the £120, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour. A much-appreciated recent donation to the project was made by Southeastern Trains – stainless steel tubes for installation.

.gov.uk domain name and email – Clerk explained that our current website host is now able to provide .gov.uk domains and emails (information circulated prior to meeting). A grant of £100 is being offered by the Government to encourage town and parish councils to use the trusted domain name. Cllr Chapman proposed that the Clerk pursues this in the most effective way, seconded by Cllr Harrison, all in favour.

Meeting concluded at 19:53