Newchurch Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting 2023-5 held on Monday 15th May 2023 in person in The Old Wool Store, Brooker Farm, Newchurch Lane, Romney Marsh, TN29 0DT. At 7.30 pm the previous year’s Chairman opened the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

| Unique Minute Number | Agenda Heading | Record | Action by whom and within what timescale |
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| 2023-5-1 | Persons Present | Last Year’s Chairman Colin Woollard Re-elected Councillors Tony Goode, Alison Youd, 2 members of the public, Officer, Mr Michael Sharpe (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer / RFO to Newchurch Parish Council / NPC). |  |
| 2023-5-2 | Apologies | None. |  |
| 2023-5-3 | Election of Chairman for 2023/24 | It was noted that only 2 candidates had been elected unopposed to NPC, and therefore the Council is inquorate.  As at least 3 members must be present for a meeting to be quorate, the meeting stands adjourned until at least one and up to 3 new Councillors are declared elected by Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) Returning Officer.  [The Local Government Act 1972 *Schedule 12 paragraph 12* establishes this legal requirement.]  The re-run election invites nominations from ‘qualified’ persons by 24th May, with a possible poll on Thursday 22nd June. |  |

The Annual Parish Council Meeting stood adjourned at 7.31pm. The reconvened meeting will take place on Monday 5th June ( uncontested election returning at least one Councillor ) OR Monday 26th June ( after a poll on Thursday 22nd June, returning three Councillors ). In the event of a failure of the election process, FHDC may make arrangements for the 3 vacancies to be filled. END.