

**THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the extra ordinary MEETING held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 in the Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston which commenced at 6.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Dashper (in the Chair), Allen, Balaam, Gerrish, Millest, Morris, Rainbow, Smith and West.

- 1. TO RESOLVE THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED - Council resolved to go into camera for the following items on the grounds that matters relating to staffing are confidential between the council and staff member.**
- 2. APOLOGIES –**
  - a) Council to receive apologies for absence – verified apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Bond, Marsh and Moy.
  - b) Council to consent to accept apologies received – **Council resolved to accept the apologies submitted.**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £50 –**
  - a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests; other registerable and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – there were no interests declared for the meeting.
  - b) To receive notification of gifts or hospitality exceeding £50 – there were none submitted.
  - c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with Council’s Dispensation Policy – there were none to be reported as having been determined.
- 4. APPOINTMENT OF PROPER OFFICE AND PARISH CLERK TO THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL –**
  - a) To consider and resolve the appointment of a new Proper Officer and Parish Clerk to the Council following the recruitment process as per the recommendation from the Selection Panel – with reference to the paper submitted by the Clerk and acknowledging the recommendation of the Selection Panel it was **resolved that the appointment of Mrs. Laura Border as the Proper Officer and Parish Clerk to Thurston Parish Council be ratified.** The start date was noted as being 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
  - b) To delegate authority to the Chair to sign the employment contract on behalf of the Council – the meeting **resolved to delegate authority to the Chair to sign the employment contract once the terms had been finalised.**
- 5. CLOSE OF THE MEETING –** there being no other business the meeting was closed at 6.42pm.

So approved and signed at the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026