

**Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Westmill Parish Council**  
held on **Wednesday 9 October 2024**  
at **7.15pm** in **Westmill Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Jim Beaven (acting Chairman), Steve Cowler, Anne Downes, Cllr Bernadette King  
**In attendance:** Sarah Kubica (Parish Clerk)

**24.58 APOLOGIES**

To receive or accept apologies for absence  
Cllr Debono and Cllr McMullen for reasons that are accepted  
Cllr Beaven was chosen by members present to chair the meeting

**24.59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda  
None

**24.60 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To allow members of the public to make representations in respect of the business on the agenda  
None

**24.61 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To approve the [Minutes of the meeting of Westmill Parish Council held on Wednesday 4 September 2024](#) as an accurate record of proceedings

**Resolved**, that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed. Agreed unanimously

**24.62 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH NOMINATION**

To receive a nomination under Local Government Act 1972, section 249(5) allowing a parish council to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the parish:

- a) Persons of distinction, and
- b) Persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent service to that place or area.

To proceed, a resolution must be passed:

- a) At a meeting of the Council that has been specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the object of the meeting has been given; and
- b) By not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council who vote on it

**Resolved**, to approve the nomination of Michael McRae and confer the title of honorary freeman proposed by Cllr Downes and seconded by Cllr King, in recognition of voluntary services to Westmill as a recognisable figure within the community including 24 years as WPC councillor (8 of which as chairman), ongoing volunteering as a trustee on the T&M Greg Trust, supporting the churchwarden, assisting the vulnerable and other services to the parish. Agreed unanimously

*Meeting closed at 19.24*