



Ansdell & Fairhaven Parish Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at Ansdell Library,
59 Commonside, Lytham St Anne's on Monday 21st September 2026 at 7pm.**

Present: Councillor P Wilkinson in the Chair
Councillors C Dixon, D Perkins, A Roe, E Taylor, and D Wilkinson.
Daniel Guise, Clerk & RFO
Mr William Harris
Members of the Public: 6

85. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Frith-Williams and M Morris.

86. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Perkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4 – Purchase of Christmas Lights.

87. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Chair advised that no poll had been called to fill the casual vacancy in Ansdell & Fairhaven ward, and so the Council was asked to fill the vacancy by co-option. Cllr D Wilkinson proposed that Mr William Harris be co-opted to fill the vacancy. Cllr Roe seconded the proposal.

Cllr Dixon welcomed the nomination of Mr Harris. Cllr Dixon noted that he had known Mr Harris from the time he was a Fylde Borough Councillor, and Mr Harris was a “dab hand” with financial matters.

Mr Harris signed a declaration of his eligibility to serve as a member of the parish council, and the appointment was then put to a vote.

RESOLVED: that Mr William Harris be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy for a member in Ansdell & Fairhaven ward.

Cllr Harris signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat as a member of the authority.

Cllr Perkins left the room for the remainder of the meeting.

88. Purchase of Christmas Lights

The Council was asked to consider the purchase of 26 new Christmas light motifs for lighting columns, at a total cost of £11,616, including VAT. This cost did not include shipping, the costs of which the supplier had not yet confirmed. It was noted that Cllr Perkins had paid, from his own funds, a deposit of £6,000 to secure the stock on the Council's behalf. The receipt from the supplier had been circulated to councillors.

Cllr D Wilkinson noted that it had been previously agreed that new lights were needed. She noted that, in the first year, the council had to make do with what it had, but the new lights would be an asset to be used many times. Cllr Roe asked that a precise delivery date and time be obtained, with the lights to be shipped straight to the storage unit.

RESOLVED: that the following purchases and payments be approved:

- i) purchase of 26 new Christmas light motifs, at a cost of £11,616;
- ii) an immediate payment of £6,000, to reimburse Cllr Perkins for the deposit;
- iii) payment of the balance of £5,616, to be made when shipping of the goods is required;
- iv) payment of a reasonable shipping fee.

The meeting finished at 7:10pm.