Appointment of Representatives to Stanion Parish Council

SYNOPSIS BOX
For the Council to consider making appointments to Stanion Parish Council under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

1. Relevant Background Details
The Council has received an approach from Stanion Parish Council to exercise its powers under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Currently there are only 3 parish councillors on Stanion Parish Council due to resignations and vacancies. There are currently 6 vacancies.

2. Report
Corby Borough Council, as the principal council in this matter, has the power to appoint to parish councils where the number of vacancies on a parish would cause the parish to be unable to fulfil its statutory duties.
In the case of Stanion Parish Council they currently only have 3 parish councillors. The quorate for parish meetings is 3. It is known that in March 2019 one of the 3 current councillors will need to register a personal & prejudicial interest in an agenda matter. Although a scheme of dispensation exists the interest is one where a dispensation would not be appropriate.
In addition given that the parish council is operating on minimal numbers and there is no imminent possibility of numbers increasing, ensuring that there is a safeguard in place to cover absences in the near future is felt prudent.
The parish council have taken steps, and will continue to do so, to advertise vacancies and encourage potential parish councillors to come forward.
It is being suggested that both Borough Ward Members be duly appointed. The appointments would only be activated where there is a possibility formal meetings of the parish council may be inquorate. The Member(s) would have full voting and speaking rights when acting as a parish councillor.

3. Options to be considered (if any)
Appoint
Full Council are recommended to appoint, as detailed within the report, to ensure the administration of Stanion Parish Council may continue until vacancies have been filled.
Do Not Appoint
Failure to appoint may result in Stanion Parish Council being unable to fulfil its statutory obligations.

4. Issues to be taken into account:-
Financial
None specific to this report.
**Risk**
If the Council fails to appoint there is a risk that Stanion Parish Council may be unable to function and fulfil its statutory duties due to being inquorate.

**Legal & Data Management**
The Order would be made under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**Performance Information, Policy Priorities, Best Value, Human Rights, Equalities, Sustainability, Community Safety**
None specific to this report.

5. **Conclusion**
Full Council is requested to confirm the Order and approve the appointments.

6. **Recommendation**
   i) That Full Council confirm the draft Order and appoint Councillor Julie Riley and Councillor William Colquhoun to act as parish councillors on Stanion Parish Council subject to section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**Background Papers**

**External Consultations**
Stanion Parish Council

**List of Appendices**
Copy of draft Order

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Corby Borough Council
Order made under s.91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

Stanio Parish Council
27th February 2019

By resolution of Full Council, Corby Borough Council hereby appoints Councillor Julie Riley and Councillor William Colquhoun (both of Corby Borough Council) to act as necessary as a parish councillor for Stanion Parish Council under s.91 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

These appointments to be valid until 31st March 2020, to be enacted where Stanion Parish Council is unable to act within statutory requirements due to the number of vacancies on said parish council, or absence of existing parish councillors of said parish council.

Those appointed by this order, when acting as a parish councillor, have full rights and entitlements of ordinary parish councillors of said parish council.

The Proper Officer of Stanion Parish Council shall only envoke this order when there are so many vacancies that the parish council is unable to act to fulfil its statutory duties and responsibilities.

Signed: 

Signed:

Councillor Mohammed Rahman
Mayor of Corby Borough
27th February 2019

Norman Stronach
Chief Executive – Corby Borough Council
27th February 2019