**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DUSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2017 AT 7PM**

CHAIRMAN: Councillor J Caswell, in the Chair

PRESENT: M Pepper, K Clarke, M Golby, P Enright-King, D Huffadine – Smith, L Reed, P Anderson, A Botwood.

IN ATTENDANCE: Justin Gleich – Parish Clerk

**57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ingram and Patel

**58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

 There were no Declarations of Interest

**59. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the previous meeting were **approved** and the Chairman authorised to sign the same

**60. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no public speakers

**61. PRESENTATION BY ANGLIAN WATER**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Council received a presentation from Anglian Water regarding repair works on Bants Lane/Harlestone Road due to begin at the start of 2018

**62. POLICE REPORT**

 No report had been received by the Parish Clerk

**63. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Council noted the contents and recommendations in the report

**64. EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Council noted the report

**65. DRAFT BUDGET 2018-19**

Cllr Huffadien-Smith questioned the inclusion of contingencies for devolved services, and thanked the Clerk for his prompt responses to questions submitted regarding the budget

Cllrs Botwood and Golby supported the inclusion of contingency funds generally

The Clerk agreed to provide Council with a breakdown of income

Cllr Huffadine-Smith suggested the idea of a two part budget vote

In response to a question from Cllr Anderson, the Clerk confirmed that efforts were being made to reclaim locum fees through the parish council’s insurers.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

 Council noted the draft budget report

**66. TREASURY MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2018-19**

Cllr Anderson suggested targets be set for future investment income

Council instructed the clerk to seek expert advice regarding investment options.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Council received the report

**67. CASUAL VACANCY**

At the Chairman’s request, Mr Shaun Pape addressed Council to give his personal background and explain his interest in becoming a parish councillor in Duston.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Council voted by majority to co-opt Mr Shaun Pape

Chairman’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_