

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS

ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED
POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN

SERIAL NO.....

SUBJECT MATTER:

Appointment of Councillors to serve on Denham Parish Council and Mellis Parish Council in accordance with Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972.

MEETING TO WHICH MATTER RELATES:

Full Council

REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:

Denham Parish Council is currently inquorate and is therefore unable to transact business.

Mellis Parish Council currently has no elected members and is therefore unable to transact business.

BACKGROUND:

The Council was notified by the Clerk to Denham Parish Council on 8 May 2017 that one of the parish councillors had resigned, leaving only two serving councillors. The quorum for Denham Parish Council is three and the annual meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held on 25 May 2017. Under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 the District Council may by order appoint a district councillor to fill the vacancy until such time as another councillor is elected or co-opted and the Parish Council becomes quorate.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries is the District Councillor for the Hoxne Ward which covers Denham Parish Council.

The Council received notification on 12 May 2017 that all of the parish councillors for Mellis had resigned. The Parish Council is also currently without a Clerk. In this circumstance the District Council becomes responsible for the operation of the Parish Council. The Parish Council requires a minimum of three councillors to be quorate. Under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 the District Council may by order appoint district councillors to fill these vacancies until such time as another councillor is elected or co-opted and the Parish Council becomes quorate

Diana Kearsley is the District Councillor for the Gislingham Ward which covers Mellis Parish Council. Councillors Roy Barker and Andrew Stringer are the District Councillors for two of the neighbouring wards.