Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the All Party Group on Rural Services- Tuesday 25th of October 9a.m. to 10a.m.

1.0 PRESENT:-

Members:-

Jo Churchill MP (Secretary & Chair for this Meeting)
Peter Aldous MP
Lord James Crathorne
Baroness Hazel Byford
Simon Hoare MP
Rebecca Pow MP
Hugo Sumner, Researcher for Dr Therese Coffey MP
Secretariat from Rural Services Network
Graham Biggs
David Inman

2.0 APOLOGIES:-

Sir Alan Haselhurst MP (Saffron Walden)
The Rt Hon Nick Herbert CBE MP (Arundel & South Downs)
Lord Cameron of Dillington
Michelle Donelan MP
Graham Evans MP (Weaver Vale)
Dr Thérèse Coffey MP (Suffolk Coastal)
Victoria Prentis MP (North Oxfordshire)
The Rt Rev'd, the Lord Bishop of St Albans (HofL)
Rt Hon Owen Patterson MP (North Shropshire)
Lord MacLennan of Rogart (HofL)
Maria Caulfield MP (Lewes)
Derek Thomas MP (St Ives)
Kevin Hollinrake MP (Thirsk & Malton)
Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP (South Staffordshire)

3.0 APPOINMENT OF OFFICERS

The meeting had been convened following the appointment of the Chairman as a Government Whip and the consequential need for him to step down as Chairman.

It was decided that:-

Jo Churchill would be Interim Chair and would cease to be Secretary

Rebecca Pow would be Senior Vice Chair

Lady Byford would take over as Secretary

Simon Hoare and Victoria Atkins would become additional Vice Chairs

Other appointments made at the AGM on 15th June, 2016 remained as made at that meeting.

On behalf of the Group Lord Crathorne agreed to contact Rushi Sunnak (Richmondshire) inviting him to become Chairman.

Jo Churchill agreed to contact the other Vice-Chairs Cat Smith and Helen Goodman) and inform them of the present position.

4.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the AGM held on 15th June, 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 FUTURE PROCEEDINGS

A meeting would take place between the Interim Chair, the Senior Vice-Chair and the RSN to discuss how the Group would proceed over the rest of the year.