



MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 30 November 2023 commencing at 6.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs R Abbott, D Clarke, D Hawes, G Mark, A Mendel (Chair), B Plumbly and B Stennett.

Also in attendance: S Keys (Clerk)

01. WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENT

Cllr Mendel declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. Cllr Mendel proposed that under the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed – **council so resolved to go into camera for the following items, aif.**

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a) Council to receive apologies for absence – The Council noted the apologies received from Cllrs Lee and Page.
- b) Council agreed to approve the apologies submitted – **The Council unanimously approved the apologies as noted.**

03. INTRODUCTION

- a) To outline meeting aims and objectives – Cllr Mendel invited Cllr Abbott to give an overview of the reason and purpose for the meeting. Cllr Abbott outlined the objectives of the meeting as follows:
 - To review the sense of disjointed-ness in the Council and the village as a whole
 - To agree a way of working together moving forward to meet the needs of the Council and the whole village.

04. OPEN FORUM

- a) Cllrs to highlight concerns and issues – the following concerns and issues were noted by the Council:
 - Cllr Stennett highlighted concerns about Parish Council rules either not being applied or applied inconsistently
 - Cllr Stennett noted that he felt he had been misled about the Parish Council's role of oversight of the Tattler when he had wanted to raise concerns about content. The Clerk once again apologized for this lack of understanding on her part of the relationship between the Tattler and the Parish Council.
 - Cllr Mendel queried why the Tattler had been so closely scrutinized and whether this was actually necessary
 - Cllr Abbot highlighted a concern about a lack of unity in the village and a lack of support for local events from villagers
 - Cllr Mark noted the loss of the "village feel" which has been intensified by the loss of the Tattler and the shutting down of the Village Shop project.
 - Cllr Plumbly queried whether the Chair had undertaken training on how to act as a Chair. Cllr Mendel confirmed that she had and that this was ongoing.
 - Cllr Hawes invited Councillors to give an overview of why they had joined the Council.
 - The Clerk highlighted that Council business had been disrupted by concerns about process and a lack of understanding amongst the Council about Pecuniary and Registerable interests that had resulted in minimal Councillor attendance for the proposed online meeting with Regis. Following discussion **Council agreed that this meeting should be postponed until clear title to the land is identified, aif.**

All Councillors present noted a desire to move forward in a united way in order to do the best for the village.

- b) Cllrs to propose ways of moving forward collaboratively – all Councillors agreed that the Council should move forward by drawing a line under previous issues and not revisiting the past. **The following practical actions were agreed by the Council:**
 - **Mix up of seating in Parish Council meetings**
 - **Rest of meeting to be quiet during meetings when a Councillor is speaking**
 - **"New year, new start" social event to be arranged.**
 - **Blanket emails and email replies to the whole Council to be kept to a minimum**

05. MEETING CLOSE

- a) Summary of discussion – see above
- b) Overview of identified and agreed next steps – see above

06. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 04 December 2023, 7.30pm at Tattingstone Village Hall.



Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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