



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held on Monday 28 June 2021 at Newton Chambers Hall

The meeting commenced: 7.00 pm - concluded: 7.30 pm

Councillors Present. John Brownrigg (Chairman), John Housley (Vice-Chairman), Dr John Bowden, Victoria Bowden, Susan Davidson, Denise Fearnley, Kate Guest, Carol Levery, David Ogle and Thomas Sturgess.

Absent Councillors. Alan Hooper, Terence Bawden and Gary Lakin

Officers. Andrew Towleron – Parish Clerk/RFO [minute taker] and Laura Tickle.

Members of the Public. Two members of the public.

Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg, opened the meeting. He outlined the procedures for the meeting to ensure that it was effective, lawful, and safe, especially in the context of the COVID pandemic. He explained that the Clerk would be recording the meeting to assist with minute taking.

<u>2021/37 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 37: Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> It was reported that Councillor Alan Hooper was unable to attend and the reasons for this provided. Proposed by Councillor Victoria Bowden and seconded by Councillor David Ogle and RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Alan Hooper be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">(10 in favour)</p>
<u>2021/38 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 38: Declarations of Interest</u> The Clerk reported that he had not received any.
<u>2021/39 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 39: Exclusion of Press and Public</u> The Chairman stated that, in consultation with the Clerk, he considered that there were no items on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press or public.
<u>2021/40 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 40: Public Participation Session</u> There were no questions from members of the public.

<p><u>2021/41 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 41: To consider and note the final report and certificate for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2019/2020</u></p> <p>These were considered.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest and seconded by Councillor Carol Levery and RESOLVED: That the final report and certificate for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/2020 be noted and approved. (10 in favour)</p>
<p><u>2021/42 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 42: To consider and approve the relevant sections of the Annual Governance and Accountancy Return for AGAR 2020/2021, including:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Annual Governance Statement. 2. To approve the Statement of Accounts. 3. To consider and note the Internal Auditors report. <p>A discussion took place on the item. Tribute and thanks were paid to the Administrative Officer and the other members of the Council staff for their hard work in preparing the AGAR.</p> <p>The general view was that while the Council's financial systems and processes were up to a good standard and much better than at the end of year 2020, some progress still had to be made to meet the high financial standards the Council had set itself.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest and seconded by Councillor John Housley and RESOLVED: That Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 on page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor David Ogle and seconded by Councillor Victoria Bowden and RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21 on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021 be approved. 2. Annual Internal Report 2020/21 on page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021 be received and noted. (10 in favour)
<p><u>2021/43 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 43: To note the arrangements for the public inspection of accounts for the year ending 2021 under The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended)</u></p> <p>The Clerk provided a verbal report on the arrangements. He confirmed that the Public Inspection of Accounts would commence on the 30 June 2021.</p>
<p><u>2021/44 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 44: Date and Time of future meetings</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the next Full Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 7.00 pm.</p> <p>The next Environmental Planning Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 6.30 pm. There will also be Environmental Planning Delegated Powers Committee meeting on Thursday 15 July 2021 at 6.30 pm.</p> <p>A Finance and Premises Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 15 July 2021 at 7.00 pm.</p>