



**Minutes of Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held
on Thursday 8 September 2022 at High Green Miners Community Hall**

The meeting commenced: 7.15 pm - concluded: 7.25 pm

Councillors Present. John Housley (Chairman), Dr John Bowden (Vice Chairman), Michael Appleby, Victoria Bowden, John Brownrigg, Susan Davidson, Michael Gethin, Denise Fearnley, Alan Hooper, Carol Levery, David Ogle, Thomas Sturgess and Timothy Whitaker.

Absent Councillors. Terence Bawden and Kate Guest

Officers. Andrew Towlerton – Parish Clerk/RFO and Laura Tickle – Administration Officer.

Members of the Public. Seven members of the public (including Sheffield City Councillors Mike Levery and Alan Woodcock).

Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman, Councillor John Housley, reported that with great sadness he had just learnt of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. He passed on the Parish Council's condolences and respects to the Royal Family and nation at this time. He then led a two minute silence to mourn and reflect on her life.

He explained that the national and local protocol following the death of a monarch is that no council meetings are held following it and during the official period of mourning. Therefore, this and other scheduled meetings until the day after the Queen's funeral will be postponed. It was agreed to consider one special item prior to the formal closure of the meeting.

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Item 58: Operation London Bridge

It was explained that these are the Council's agreed protocol and arrangements for what will happen in the days after the death of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth 11. This was then considered.

- a) Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sturgess and seconded by Councillor Alan Hooper and **RESOLVED:** That it is agreed to suspend Standing Order 9(b) to enable the urgent consideration of this item Operation London Bridge.

(13 in favour)

- b) Proposed by Councillor Michael Gethin and seconded by Councillor Michael and **RESOLVED:** That Operation London Bridge be implemented, including the postponement of all Councils meetings during the official period of mourning.

(13 in favour)

c) Proposed by Councillor David Ogle and seconded by Councillor Susan Davidson and **RESOLVED:** That the Council delegates authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and/or Chairman of the relevant committee to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interest of the community and ensure Council business continuity during the official period of mourning, informed by consultation, where possible, with the other members of the Council.

(13 in favour)