



DET L I N G

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 05 JULY 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. IN DETLING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: H. Baker-Anderson, I. Bowie (Chairman), G. Bryant J. Clayton, J. Coles,) & R. Finn

ALSO PRESENT: K. Bell (Locum Clerk to the Council) & 10 members of the public

ABSENTEE: C. Evernden

The Chairman, Cllr. Bowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

PUBLIC FORUM: A resident who could not be present had asked for a question regarding the Employment Tribunal brought against the council by the former clerk to be read out. A resident also raised a question regarding the maintenance of Monks Meadow.

2022/088 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** There were none.

Members were advised of the resignation of John Clayton who in his resignation had asked for it to be noted within the minutes that he had played no part in the Employment Tribunal brought against the Parish Council by the former Clerk. Members then paid tribute to John Clayton who had been a model councillor who had served the village well for over 20 years and that his lasting legacy would be establishment of the Community Shop.

2022/089 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND / OR LOBBYING AND INTENTION TO RECORD:**

2022/089.1 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Baker-Anderson and Finn declared interests in the CIC Community Shop Lease.

2022/089.2 **Requests for Dispensations:** There were none

2022/089.3 **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none

2022/089.4 **Declarations of Intention to Record:** There were no declarations.

2022/090 **COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS and POLICING:** there were no reports.

2022/091 **MINUTES**

2022/091.1 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 03 May 2022:** The amended minutes which were approved on 14 June 2022 were noted.

These minutes are not verbatim, but a summary of discussions and decisions made at the meeting

Signed: Chairman Date:

2022.091.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2022: It was proposed, seconded and:
RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendments the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings.

Minute 2022/086.1 That it be noted that COC Complaints had also been made against Cllr Evernden. Councillors suggested that the complainant also be named in any future COC complaints. **Unanimous**

2022/091.3 Update on any matters arising not included in the agenda

2022/073.3 Monks Meadow: Cllr Finn asked if the Open Spaces WG had met with the ex-volunteers. Cllr. Finn was advised that many invitations to meet had been extended by the Chairman, the Clerk, and the Open Spaces WG but sadly whilst no invitation had been accepted; all communication channels remained open. Cllr Finn was saddened by this as the ex-volunteers had met with him and suggested that a stand-alone meeting be arranged.

Cllr. Finn announced his resignation from the council, this was then followed by the resignations of Irene Bow Gary Bryant, Julia Coles, and Heather Baker – Anderson. Irene Bowie, Gary Bryant, Julia Coles, and Heather Baker – Anderson asked for it to be noted within the minutes that they had played no part in the Employment Tribunal case brought against the Parish Council by the former Clerk. The Locum Clerk requested that the resignations be confirmed in writing, and that she would advise MBC of the casual vacancies and that the Parish Council had become inquorate.

Before the meeting closed it was agreed that all remaining agenda items be deferred to September and that a resident would be afforded the opportunity to present his suggestions for The Old Barn, Lynch Bank, Detling. The information was received with interest. The resident was advised that due to the unusual situation now facing the council, to work with the community over the summer months, to engage interest and ascertain the level of support and that the matter would be on the council's agenda again in September.

2022/092 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 06 September 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

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Signed:

..... Chairman

Date:

6 Sept 22

The Chairman of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 July 2022 were a correct record as no member present was at that meeting