

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 March 2021

COVID-19 2020 Regulations Statement

The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented Government measures in response to the crisis (e.g., prohibitions on gatherings, social distancing, self-isolation and shielding of those deemed to be the most vulnerable) have meant that the requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person with all members present in one place cannot currently be met. The statutory requirements for meetings are mainly contained in the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act") and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 ("the 1960 Act").

In recognition of the difficulties of holding and attending meetings, the Government included s.78 in the Coronavirus Act 2020 and provided the Secretary of State the power to make Regulations for the provision of holding alternative format meetings.

As such, this Meeting was held under agreed terms, being to conduct the Council business remotely by Zoom with decisions recorded in the minutes by the Clerk.

Councillors' participating at remote meeting: D Carey, W Cook, I Gutteridge (Chairman), T Hicks, D Risely, Y Seymour and N Weavis (Vice Chairman).

115/03/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

No apologies for absence were received.

116/03/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member declared any interests of a pecuniary or personal nature.

117/03/21: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the **exclusion** of the **press and public** for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

118/03/21: TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN RESPECT OF CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNCIL'S HABITUAL OR VEXATIOUS POLICY

By majority agreement, Members delegated powers to the Clerk to take appropriate action.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:44.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Chairman)