



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020 AT 12 NOON  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE PLATFORM**

*This meeting was held remotely, as permitted by emergency legislation introduced on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in response to the ban on public gatherings to reduce the transmission of the Corona Virus – Covid-19 – which was declared a global pandemic by WHO on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

**Participating:**

Vivien Hepworth – in the chair  
Cath Hearnden  
Ron Coleman  
Graham Marks

**Facilitating:**

Fay Elwood, Clerk

**1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received (after the meeting) from Camilla Downing and Liz Lockwood.

**1.2 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Marks declared an interest because his non-attendance at meetings is the only agenda item. He remained logged into the meeting by telephone but didn't take part in the vote.

**2 ADMINISTRATION**

The Covid-19 Pandemic was declared in March, the country went into lockdown and we were advised not to hold face to face meetings. The meeting scheduled for March was cancelled and Zoom meetings were held on 26<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Marks does not have a computer and he initially assumed he could not join the meetings. The clerk provided instructions for him to join the July meeting by telephone but did not inform him that this was compulsory to avoid disqualification. Cllr Marks did try to join the July meeting but found the instructions confusing. During August we became aware that the six month automatic disqualification rule was still in place, despite the pandemic. The Chairman decided to call an EGM to consider granting Cllr Marks an exemption from this rule. With additional instructions from the clerk, Cllr Marks has now managed to join a Zoom meeting by telephone.

**Resolution:** Members voted 2-1 in favour of granting the exemption to Cllr Marks.

**3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 12.11pm