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Mayor Cllr. Jason Baker **Town Clerk Andrew Gunn**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Town Council held remotely via zoom technology on Monday 13th July 2020

Present: Cllr Baker (Chairman), Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs. Wootton, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Mrs O'Brien, Cllr Mrs Morrison, Cllr Mrs Bates, Cllr Mrs Whittaker-Mather, Cllr Bulmer and Cllr Shortland.

In Attendance: Andrew Gunn – Town Clerk.

There were No. #1 members of the public and No. #0 members of the press present.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm

7.00pm Chaplain's 'Thought for the Day'

Public Participation Time
This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is not part of the formal meeting of the Council.

2 members of the public had contacted the Clerk in advance of the meeting with 1 requesting to speak and 1 to have a question asked by the Clerk.

Mr Laughton asked about the number of Town Clerks employed by Chard Town Council over the last 10 years. The Clerk verbally replied that there had been 4 Town Clerks with 1 Locum and 1 acting Clerk.

Mr Eggins was invited by the Chairman to speak. Mr Eggins referred to concern about speeding in the town and asked about the Town Council purchasing a speed indicator device. Mr Eggins also asked about moving the 30mph speed limit on the A358.

The Chair thanked Mr Eggins for his questions and would ask the Clerk to investigate the matters raised.

AGENDA

2020/131.
Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given (If you cannot attend please telephone or email your apologies to the Town Clerk). LGA 1972 s85 (1).

Cllr Mrs Orchard - Holiday
Cllr Mrs Young – work commitment

Cllr Carnell - Illness

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Morrison Seconded: Cllr Kenton
Unanimous

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies and approve the reasons given.

2020/132.
Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No.1159. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

None.

2020/133.
To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Morrison Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wootton
Unanimous

RESOLVED – That owing to the confidential nature of the item the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting when Agenda Item 2020/136 (Staff in Confidence) is discussed.

2020/134
Council Meeting – minutes – To confirm and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting held on the 15th June 2020 (attached) LGA 1972 SCH 12 PARA41 (1)

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wootton Seconded: Cllr Mrs Kenton
7 for and 4 abstentions.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting held on the 15th June 2020 be adopted.

The Chairman signed the minutes

2020/135
Staff - Town Clerk
To receive and note the resignation of the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had handed his notice to the Chair the previous week. He wished to resume his career in planning. He thanked members and staff for all of their support and was very grateful for the opportunity he was given to become Town Clerk for Chard Town Council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work for the Council.

The member of the public left the meeting.

2020/136
In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Item #2020/133 above refers)

Staff In Confidence

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Bates Seconded: Mrs Morrison
10 for and 1 against.

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk and Mayor explore options and costings for a locum Clerk to cover the role of Town Clerk whilst arrangements are made to fill the permanent post.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 7:40pm

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MAYOR: **DATE:**