



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Extraordinary Minutes Council

Time and date

6.00 pm on Thursday 21 January 2021

Place

Virtual On-Line Meeting via "Zoom"

Cllr R Rowles - Town Mayor (P)

Cllr L Banville - Deputy Town Mayor (P) (Arrived at 6.50pm)

Cllr N Asamoah (P)

Cllr D Coole (P)

Cllr J Coole (P)

Cllr C Ecclestone (P)

Cllr L Gregori (P)

Cllr R Hughes (P)

Cllr B Long (P)

Cllr R Meyer (P)

Cllr J Sangster (P)

Cllr D Treadwell (P)

Officers Present:

Tracy Predeth (Locum Clerk)

Members of the Public: Unknown

Members of the Press: Unknown

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Government legislation regarding Social Distancing, it was not possible to hold this meeting at a normal public venue. Therefore, the Town Council made arrangements under the Coronavirus Act 2020, and subsequent Regulations permitting remote meetings, to hold the meeting virtually. A voting procedure was actioned via role call method with each Member's name and response recorded in the Minutes.

C 322/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

C 323/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in relation to any item on the agenda.

C 324/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation relating to any item on the agenda.

C 325/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed and seconded that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting at item 5, due to the consideration of previous meeting's Confidential Minutes, which contain confidential information.

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting at item 5, due to the consideration of previous meeting's Minutes, which contain confidential information.

C 326/19 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillors D Coole and J Coole challenged the legality of these Minutes, so they were deferred.

C 327/19 JUDICIAL REVIEW

Councillor D Coole, Councillor J Coole and Councillor R Meyer were advised that the meeting was to consider the claim for a Judicial Review and were advised to declare their interest and leave the meeting.

Councillor D Coole, Councillor J Coole and Councillor R Meyer refused to declare an interest and withdraw from the meeting.

The Locum Clerk advised Members that it could not proceed due to sharing of legal privilege information and suggested that the meeting be suspended pending additional legal advice on how to proceed.

Councillors D Coole and Councillor J Coole continued to raise questions pertaining to the Judicial review so the Chairman removed them from the zoom meeting, together with Councillor R Meyer.

During the debate Councillor C Ecclestone became argumentative and kept interrupting the Chairman. Councillor C Ecclestone also made loud laughing sounds that distracted the meeting. After two warnings given by the Chairman, Councillor C Ecclestone was also removed from the meeting.

RESOLVED: To instruct Surrey Hill Solicitors to represent the Council with the judicial review.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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