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Minutes of a (Virtual) meeting of the Extraordinary Town Council

held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 6.00pm using 'Microsoft Teams'

Present:

Councillors: (Chair) Cllrs Neil Gibbs, (Vice Chair) Carol Kambites, Rachel

Armstrong, Leigh Binns, Debbie Curtis, Michael Davis, Tim Jackson, John Parker, Kevin Parsons, Jennie Smith, Pam Swain

and Theresa Watt

In Attendance: Carlos Novoth (Clerk), Ward Cllrs Gary Powell, Chris Brine and

Mattie Ross

Attendees were reminded that the <u>Proceedings</u> of the meeting could be filmed, photographed or recorded.

TC2604 To receive apologies

Apologies were given by Cllrs Sally Pickering and David Thorpe

TC2605 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests.

TC2606 To approve the minutes of the Town Council held on 17th April

2021

Council **ACCEPTED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting; the minutes to be duly signed by the Chair at a later date.

TC2607 To consider temporary changes to delegation arrangements

The Clerk had distributed his paper for consideration prior to the

meeting.

Following a widespread discussion which highlighted concerns over whether future meetings would be live-streamed, the length of time any revised arrangement would be in place for, whether halls could be now be 'Let' or were big enough and whether there would be a risk of council being inquorate. There was also concern over a lack of transparency with either of options 2 of the Clerk's 'Options Appraisal' (giving the Clerk full delegated authority of both Committees) and there was equal concern that any arrangements made at this late stage may not reflect the wishes of the new administration, post-election.

Cllr Watt Proposed that the council hold meetings in person from the 7th May, the first of which is scheduled for the 17th May '21. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Binns - this was unanimously agreed.

TC2608 To note the date of the next Town Council meeting: Monday 17th May 2021