

Steyning Parish Council



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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL

(via Zoom video conferencing platform)

HELD ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM - Hosted by Hazel Roxby – Deputy Clerk

Present via video link: Cllrs Norcross (Chairman), Campbell, Lloyd, Goldsmith, Hanson, Rudkin, Young, S. Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Northam, Trundle, Saunders, and Alexander.

Clerk: John Fullbrook

Members of the Public: 7

Meeting commenced 7.02 pm

MINUTES

		ACTIONS
FULL/20/79 79.1	APOLOGIES None. Cllr Trundle had difficulties logging in but arrived at the beginning of item 82.1	
FULL/20/80 80.1	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Alexander declared a personal interest as he suspected some items on the Agenda may relate to him. <i>On a point of order Cllr Northam asked that questions from the floor be allowed. Chair agreed.</i>	
FULL/20/81 81.1	QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR None.	
FULL/20/82 82.1	CONFIDENTIAL SESSION Cllr Campbell withdrew his motion to go into a confidential session	
FULL/20/83 83.1	CODE OF CONDUCT ISSUES Cllr Campbell proposed , that the Clerk is directed jointly with the chairman of SPC to lodge a code complaint with Horsham District Council on behalf of SPC as a body, concerning all four allegations against Cllr Alexander and accompanied by the evidence contained in the supporting papers {Compiled and supplied by Cllr Campbell}. {He said} I would like to invite a seconder, and then invite discussion against the caveat that this is not a disciplinary hearing and so discussions should be limited to whether or not councillors are prepared to direct that the council as a body take steps to protect its councillors, the council and local democracy. This was not seconded	

- 83.2** Cllr Northam on a point of order stated that he felt the issues raised should be pursued via a code of conduct and asked whether the Clerk had views or had sought advice on this matter.
- 83.3** The Clerk stated he had received and indeed circulated advice prior to the meeting stating that Horsham Standards Committee had said that they had received a code of conduct complaint raised on some or all of these items and that they had stated that a discussion at an open meeting was inappropriate while investigations continued. Cllr Northam then **proposed an amendment** to Cllr Campbells motion. Cllr Campbell on a point of order subsequently **proposed a reamendment, seconded** by Cllr Goldsmith that there were two motions and that the second motion on the Agenda was not caught by the alleged advice given by Horsham via the Clerk and therefore rather than the whole of {Agenda} item 4 being thrown out, that only the first item be not discussed. **Not Agreed 5 For, 8 Against**
- 83.4** Cllr Northam stated he felt the second item was a continuation of the first motion and was inappropriate and should also be considered a code of conduct matter. Cllr Northam **proposed** his **amendment** once again, **seconded** by Cllr Alexander that In the light of the advice given to the Clerk, we {The Council} should cease discussion on {Agenda} item 4 forthwith and close the meeting. **Agreed 8 For, 5 Against**

FULL/20/84 DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING: 16th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.44pm

Signed Date 16th November 2020

Chairman

Video recording of this meeting is available at

Video: <https://archive.org/details/2020-11-12-steyning-parish-council-full-council-eom-offical-copy>