

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024 AT 6PM

Councillors Present : Cllrs Norcross (Chairman), Bell, S. Alexander, Lloyd, Linfield, Johnson, Foxwell
M Alexander, I Alexander, Sharp, Hanson and Ballance.

Clerks in attendance : John Fullbrook

Members of the Public : 4

Meeting commenced : 6pm

MINUTES

ACTION

FULL/24/77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

77.1 Apologies received from Cllrs Campbell, with Cllrs Young, Trundle and Bell having informed they would be arriving later {Only Cllr Bell managing to arrive before the end of the meeting}.

FULL/24/78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

78.1 None

FULL/24/79 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

79.1.1 **Statement from the Chair regarding the status of the outstanding SPC Code of Conduct Complaints** – This item was on the agenda in order to inform residents as to the latest position. As the statement was so short, it is noted below in its entirety.

79.1.2 *'As some of you already know there are nine outstanding Code of Conduct Complaints sitting with HDC, the vast majority of these were lodged in September 2023. These complaints, submitted by a number of Councillors, were due for determination on the 2nd of December. HDC had advised us of this date, and I called this EOM in order to be able to report the result of the determinations. Unfortunately HDC were unable to make a determination on the 2nd of December, as a consequence of a substantial amount of information being put before them shortly before the Committee met. We have however been advised that the Standards Committee has reconvened today (17th December 2024) to consider these complaints and that a final determination will be made on the 13th of January 2025. We will, therefore, be discussing their determinations at the next Full Council meeting, which is scheduled for 20th of January 2025.'*

FULL/24/80 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

80.1 The Clerk stated that he had four items of information.

First, two reminders to Cllrs that he was still expecting replies to the remote meeting consultation, and for the preferences re design codes {from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee members only}.

**SPC
Members**

80.2 Second, he informed members that regards the advert for resident volunteers for the SPC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, there had already been four people who had come forward, and that Interviews would be held in early January.

CLERK

- 80.3.1

Third, in respect to the recently published government white paper on ‘English Devolution’. The Clerk stated that it appeared there are three references made specifically about Parish Council governance in the 99-page document. The following paragraph likely being the most relevant passage; –
- 80.3.2

"We know people value the role of governance at the community scale, and that can be a concern when local government is reorganised. We will therefore want to see stronger community arrangements when reorganisation happens in the way councils engage at a neighbourhood or area level. We will also rewire the relationship between town and parish councils and principal Local Authorities, strengthening expectations on engagement and community voice."
- 80.4

Fourthly, SPC had received notification today {17th December}, that its External Audit Report for 2023/24 has been completed.

CLERK

FULL/24/81

DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING:

20th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 6.06 pm

Signed by the Chairman Date 20th January 2025

A recording of this meeting is available at - <https://youtu.be/IgakSZK0mMc>