



Marldon Parish Council
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**MINUTES OF MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held at
7 pm, FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022 at St JOHNS the BAPTIST CHURCH, MARLDON**

Present: Cllr. Ward (Chair), Cllr. Taylor, Cllr. Camden-Ward, Cllr. Sharland, Cllr. Pennington

Point of order was raised by Cllr Sharland that the standing agenda items of 'Declarations of interest' and 'Minutes of the Previous Meeting' were absent from the agenda and requested they were re-instated.

1a:1.4.22 Apologies: Cllr. Clarke. Cllr. Hore.

1b:1.4.22 Declarations of Interest: None

1c:1.4.22 Approval of the Minutes: of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th March 2022 were not agreed to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Issues around item **15.3.22** were raised, in particular, the statement that a formal resolution was voted on was disputed given the lack of a formal motion, without a proposer, and without a verbal reading of the proposal to be voted on prior to any vote.

There were also some concerns regarding some of the statements the Clerk had made to the meeting which may have influenced the vote.

It was agreed by a show of hands to hold this item over to the next full Council meeting given the absence from tonight's meeting of one of the Councillors who was involved in the relevant discussions.

2:1.4.22 Confidential Matters

3:1.4.22 Discussion re appointing a locum Clerk. The Chairman outlined the current difficulties the Council was experiencing with its outgoing Clerk. In particular he explained that the Clerk was lodging a formal grievance against the majority of the present Parish Councillors. This, combined with the formal ending of her employment as the Council Clerk, left the Council without any option other than to employ the services of a Locum Clerk in order to ensure the correct continuation of Council Business. It was explained that a suitable trained Clerk had been approached. Her terms and conditions were outlined to the Council and the consensus was that these were acceptable.

4:1.4.22 Vote to appoint a Locum Cllr. Sharland proposed that:

'The Parish Council appoint Penny Clapham as a temporary Locum Clerk for an initial period of up to two months, pending the appointment of a new full-time Clerk'.

This was seconded by Cllr. Camden-Ward and subsequently voted FOR unanimously.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.15pm in the Community Room, Marldon Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.30hrs.



Signed.....Date:

The Chair: Cllr. Andrew Ward