

# Full Council

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting  
held in The Council Chamber, The Town Hall, Milborne Port.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Tim Carty (Chair)  
Glenn Coombs  
Chris Phillips  
Robert Tizzard  
Ted Watts  
Rob Lockey  
John Price  
Richard Warren  
Margaret Capon

**In Attendance:** The Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard  
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington

❖ **Public Statements and Comments:**  
No members of the public were present.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
19	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Cllr. David Grant – away.
20	<b><u>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u></b> <b>A: Declarations of Interests from Members:</b> None. <b>B: Applications submitted to the Proper Officer for a dispensation to participate:</b> None.
21	<b><u>Confidential Session:</u></b> Cllr. Carty proposed that the meeting passed into Confidential Session as the following agenda item related to both a legal matter and an employment matter; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.  19:01
22	<b><u>Village Hall Trusteeship:</u></b> Cllr. Carty reported on the current situation with the difficult and stressful changeover of trusteeship and management of the Village Hall. The date at which the final handover will take place has moved on a number of occasions, it was agreed from the start as being the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April, the trustees then moved that to the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April and again it has been moved to the 17 <sup>th</sup> June (the night of the Village Hall AGM).

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This has had ramifications for council employee(s), as the governance arrangements and chairperson that were agreed to be in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> of April have not been enacted.

As a result, at the Village Hall Committee meeting on 20th May, Cllr. Carty insisted that the current trustees the Village Hall resign promptly, in line with what had been agreed, this met with further resistance and contention.

Since the 20<sup>th</sup> of May meeting, the Trustees of the Village Hall Committee have given written confirmation that they will resign, but at the AGM on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Phillips commented that Cllr. Carty had managed the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May very effectively and was completely supported by the other members of the Council who had been there. Cllr Capon noted that it was important that it be recorded in the minutes that Cllr Carty was acting and speaking on behalf of the Parish Council at the meeting, as he had been accused of acting without authority.

Cllr Carty stressed that the outgoing Village Hall Trustees had contributed hugely to the ongoing success of the Village Hall, at a time when the level of volunteering had been declining, and that their passion for the Hall was obvious from the discussions.

There was general agreement that everyone has been acting in the genuine interests of the Village Hall and the community and all are perturbed by the deterioration of the relationship between the councilors who were asked to come in and help and the outgoing trustees.

With regards to the AGM and the handover of trusteeship, Cllr. Tizzard suggested that some sort of formal thanks should be given at the AGM to thank the outgoing Trustees for their work.

**End of formal meeting at 19.28**

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