



Dormansland Parish Council

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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF DORMANSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 16th JULY 2021 AT 2.40pm IN THE CENTENARY ROOM, THE PLATT, DORMANSLAND

Present: Councillors: Mr D Bright (DB)
 Mr G Kaiser-Davies (GKD)
 Mr C O'Loughlin (CO)
 Mr C Robinson (CB) - Chairman
 Ms C Roux (CR)
 Mrs M Young (MY)

In attendance: Parish Locum Clerk: Mrs D Marshall (DM)

Item		Action
	<p>Part 2 Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admission meetings) Act 1960 it was RESOLVED that the Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the under mentioned item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business concerned.</p>	
1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> None.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None.</p>	
3.	<p><u>To consider resident allegation made against all Councillors</u> Councillors discussed the repeated question asked of all Councillors: <i>'Are any members of the parish council aware of any monies invested with Mr Mills or his associated Californian company by them, their friends or families?'</i> All Councillors present emphatically denied having made any financial investment, or indeed having any financial involvement, with the Memorial Club/Hall. They cannot be expected to answer on behalf of friends and extended family. It was felt that the emails received repeatedly with unsubstantiated allegations were verging on vexatious. It was RESOLVED to respond to the recent emails of the resident concerned with a short reply outlining that this behaviour was unacceptable. It created</p>	<p>DM</p>

	an onerous volume of unnecessary work; these questions had been dealt with in previous correspondence and would not be addressed further.	
4.	<p><u>To consider a Councillor allegation made against DPC members</u></p> <p>Councillors discussed a Councillor's allegation that: <i>'we do not appear to have any transparency within the present PC at the moment'</i>. During discussion it became apparent that the perceived lack of transparency related to a lack of communication caused by differing working practices adopted by the Locum Clerk. The Locum Clerk explained that when making delegated decisions on Council's behalf she will often seek members views via email before reaching a decision, but once a majority of Councillors confirm their agreement to her recommendation she automatically proceeds. Such decisions would normally be reported in a Clerk's report presented to Full Council and minuted. The Locum Clerk agreed to be more mindful in keeping Councillors fully informed.</p>	
5.	<p><u>To consider a resident allegation made against a Councillor</u></p> <p>The allegation made related to a Councillor's conduct under the Code of Conduct and the Locum Clerk confirmed that the matter had been passed to the Monitoring Officer at TDC for investigation.</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 4pm.

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

(Chairman)

Dated: