

Minutes of the Special VIRTUAL Meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 426-978-461) of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr: Maggie Ray (Chairman)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Gill Massey
Rose Allwork Martin Ray
Karen Hunt Anne Rickard
Julian Jones Sarah Williams

Also in attendance: Cllrs Dave Rickard (ex-officio), Cllr Sarah Carney, Will Austin (Town Clerk), Daryl Chambers (Town Surveyor) and Claire Peters-Way (Clerical Officer), and two members of the public.

77. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Julian Jones declared an interest in agenda item 5 (minute 81) as a friend of the complainant, and in agenda item 6 (minute 82) due to an involvement in the matter to be discussed. He advised that he would participate, to answer questions on both items, but would not vote.

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest opportunity.

80. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw, except for the complainant and a representative who may attend for the relevant part of agenda item 5 only.

The Town Clerk withdrew from the meeting at this point.

81. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE – STAGE 4

The complainant and a representative presented the complaint, and the Town Surveyor presented on behalf of the Town Council, following which the complainant, the representative and the Town Surveyor withdrew from the meeting.

Members considered the complaint in private and

RESOLVED: that the complaint is not upheld.

The complainant, representative and Town Surveyor returned to the meeting and were advised of the resolution, following which the complainant and the representative left the meeting.

The Town Clerk returned to the meeting at this point.

The meeting was suspended between 6.40pm and 6.45pm to allow for a comfort break.

In anticipation of the next agenda item, it was

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

82. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Members considered a matter to determine whether it should be referred to the Monitoring Officer.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that this matter be referred to the Monitoring Officer.

The meeting closed at **7.16pm**.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 14 June 2021