

LLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street

Present

Councillors A Cook (Chairman), P King, G Pake, R Croucher, J Watson, S Lambotte, D Law, R Manning, J Smith, S Mellows and W Kirkman

3 Parishioners attended the Parish Council meeting

Councillor Manning is a Parish, District and County Councillor and as representative will be reporting.

107/13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jacques and Harris.

108/13 Declarations of interest

None.

109/13 Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes) The meeting was adjourned.

Miss Phoebe Buckley handed out to all Councillors copies of a verbal statement that had been given to Councillor Watson at a planning appeal he attended on Tuesday 30th April, which he had handed over to the Planning Inspector.

Miss Buckley had highlighted various sentences within the emailed correspondence (Statement) and was very agitated. She questioned various statements and demanded answers. The Chairman asked her to desist from continuing, he tried to explain that this was a planning matter, still under appeal and that this was not the appropriate forum. However, Miss Buckley would not let the Chairman finish, she continued to very loudly shout her grievances over the content of the email. The Chairman reminded her again to desist, but she continued. The Chairman then asked her to leave the meeting. She refused and shouted that she wanted to know under what law she had to leave. She turned and addressed the Clerk.

The Clerk reiterated that the Chairman had asked her to leave stating that the Council's Standing Orders referred to an approved Council Policy regarding Public speaking at Council and Committee meetings. The policy clearly states the Council will not permit public speaking that is abusive or libellous or relates to a specific or identifiable person (In this case Miss Buckley continued to refer to Councillor Manning). The Clerk also quoted Charles Arnold Baker - 7.42. However, Miss Buckley continued to shout over the Clerk and refused to leave.

Councillor King then stated that the meeting could not continue with this disturbance and there would be no choice but to adjourn the meeting.

The Council adjourned. However, Miss Buckley still did not leave, she shouted that she would stay to discuss the matter afterwards if the Council reconvened the meeting.

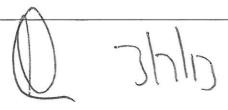
The Chairman had no choice but to abandon the meeting due to public disburbance.

The Councillors were all asked to leave. Miss Buckley was also asked to leave the room which she declined to do until all the Councillors had left the building. She then lingered outside and when the Clerk returned to the room to collect all the paperwork for the meeting, she followed the Clerk back into the building and continued to make unfounded statements regarding Minutes she could not find on the website. She also said that she would return later to check that the Council had not returned and that she would continue to come to the meetings until she was heard.

The Clerk calmly explained where to find minutes on the Council website, collected the papers and left and locked the building. Miss Buckley had to therefore also leave the building.

For the record, there had been in attendance two other members of the public who had not been able to address any issues they may have had because the meeting had to be abandoned.

NO OTHER ITEMS OR MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED. ALL MATTERS WOULD BE REFERED TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2013.



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