

Minutes of the Additional **WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held
at **THE OLD STATION, GROOMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL** on **31st**
January 2022 at 7pm

PRESENT Cllrs Nick Anderson, Andrew Fane, Alan Gaukroger, Robert Gordon-James, Diana Kelly (Chair), Keith Obbard, Jennie Paulson-Ellis, Marcus Tarling, Paul Watkins, Linsey Winter.

In attendance: Deborah Siddle - Clerk (minutes)

Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings and there is a 10-minute opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. There were no members of the public present.

1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING: None.

2. APOLOGIES – Cllr Jill Pardey – family commitment
Cllr Chris Pope – family commitment

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

4. TO RESOLVE TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 18c and FINANCIAL REGULATION 11b with relation to works at Phoenix House (as discussed at the Council meeting of 17th January 2022)

Further to its resolutions at the January 2022 Council meeting to proceed with costing works at Phoenix House, the Clerk reported that under the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations it would be necessary to undertake a full Tender process. This process takes longer than the Council's usual quotes process and would adversely impact on the timescale to re-let the property, and therefore on residential income.

Advice had been sought from the internal auditor as to whether the Council could pursue its usual quotes process instead and it had been confirmed that Council could suspend Standing Order 18c and Financial Regulation 11b in order to do so.

Councillors reiterated, as per the previous meeting, that Council should receive a minimum of 3 quotes in full for consideration at a meeting.

002195 RESOLVED by a majority to suspend Standing Order 18c and Financial Regulation 11b with relation to works at Phoenix House (as discussed at the Council meeting of 17th January 2022).

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING To note that the date of the next Council meeting will be Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm. Venue to be decided in response to COVID requirements; details will be on the meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm