Shadforth Parish Council Full Council Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Under the Standing Orders Provision 6, sub Paragraph a, the Shadforth Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30pm in Shadforth.

Present: - Cllrs D Woods (Chairman), Turner, R Woods, Mace, Bell, Arnell, Hooper (Part)

Mrs Carole Bell, Parish Clerk also in attendance

77/19 Notice of motion

RESOLVED:

To accept and approve the resolution made by the P&R Committee Minute PR2/19 "To recommend a speedy resolution to the contracts dispute to the Council".

RESOLVED:

To give Cllrs Hooper and Turner delegated authority to resolve the contracts issue in a fair and equitable way.

Cllr Hooper left the meeting

78/19 Debate the refusal of Cllr Flude to turn off his recording equipment for an exempt item

The Clerk confirmed that in the Open and Accountable Local Government document published by the Department of Communities and Local Government states quite clearly that private meetings may not be recorded

CDALC have also confirmed that this is the case.

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 provides the best guidance (amendments were made by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014).

Section 1 (3A) of the Act allows the Parish Council to prevent anyone from 'reporting' on this part of a meeting where it could enable persons to hear the proceedings later. Subsection 9 defines 'reporting' to including audio recording.

The act refers to any person, so it would include an individual councillor in this definition and the Council as the 'body'.

RESOLVED: To insist that the recording equipment is switched off in the exempt part of the meeting.

Meeting Ended 8pm