

LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Full Parish Council Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

Meeting called for **2:15pm, Wednesday 16th December 2020**
Location **Conducted by remote videoconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**
Councillors present **I. Bartlett, R. Delderfield, J. Ewbank, L. Malvisi (Chairman), J. Nunn, L. Tipper, D. Watts, J. Watts**
Councillors absent **R. Kemp, C. Michette, R. Michette**
Also attending **D. Lovelock (Parish Clerk), One member of the public**

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The Chair opened the meeting at 2:18pm. The following Agenda Items were addressed.

20/12-E1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Kemp, C. Michette and R. Michette.

20/12-E2 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

20/12-E3 Public Participation

A member of the public asked if the Council would confirm that any solicitor it employed would only be engaged to act in respect of Council business.

20/12-E4 Motion: Engagement of a Law Firm

Unanimously resolved, that the Council engages a law firm that specialises in Council matters to provide the Council and/or Clerk with expert legal advice on matters pertaining directly to the Council's business and actions where legal advice needs to be sought. Once received, the Clerk will circulate 3 quotes via email and the Council will vote on which firm to engage.

The Clerk confirmed that he had already approached a number of law firms in the region to ask if they would be interested in representing the Parish Council and, if so, their scale of fees. He hoped to have some responses before the end of the week.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2:28pm.

Signed: _____

L. Malvisi
Chairman, Long Melford Parish Council

Date: 14/01/2021