

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EAST MALLING AND LARKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 23RD MARCH 2020 AT CHURCH FARM HALL AT 7.30P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. Thornewell (Chairman), T. Bishop, J. Luque, R. Mitchell, R. Moore and Mrs. J. Sharpe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Mrs. L. Hogben, S. Millson, Mrs. M. Moore, Mrs. A. Oakley and R. Roud

CORONA VIRUS

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting in view of the Government's announcement of measures to prevent the spreads of the Corona Virus and follow up legislation proposed that in effect would make meetings in breach of the social distancing rules.

He therefore thought we should cancel all future meetings until further notice and having considered the latest advice from the Kent Association of Local Councils, to consider extending the powers of delegation to the Clerk, so the Council can continue to function. He had called the meeting in Church Farm Hall so members attending could sit apart for its duration.

He reported that Cllrs. Millson, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Woodger had been in touch with him to specifically say they agreed with the proposed resolution.

The Chairman then moved and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that all future ordinary Council and Committee Meetings be cancelled until further notice and that the Clerk have delegated powers to decide all matters needing a decision (not already delegated) in consultation with the Council Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant Committee Chairs as appropriate.

The Chairman added that it was intended to consult members via emails concerning significant events and especially concerning planning applications and similarly to keep in touch with them in that way. He added the position concerning the Annual Parish Meeting was still unclear.

The Clerk circulated a list of Accounts for Payment which was **APPROVED** and the relevant cheques be **SIGNED**.

The Chairman thanked those Members present for attending and understood why those Members who given apologies were not attending.

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.45p.m. but to be followed by a meeting of the Planning and Development Committee in respect of comments on outstanding planning applications.