



# **PARISH COUNCIL OF CLAVERDON**

## *Minutes for the Extraordinary Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

Present – Chairman, Councillor S. Lawton, Vice Chairman, Councillor N. Dargan & Councillor P Bicknell. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Apologies for absence.** Apologies have been received Councillor H Spiers, Councillor K. Meeson & Councillor D. Middleton, who have other engagements.

### **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman requested those present to declare their interests in relation to matters on the Agenda, to which there were no declarations of interest made.

### **1 Yarningale Common Management Agreement pursuant to Section 39 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, incorporating the Yarningale Common Biodiversity Offset Management Plan.**

- 1.1 The Meeting is called for Councillors to consider and approve or otherwise the above documents which represent a legal agreement between the Parish Council and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) covering just over 2 hectares of land at Yarningale Common. The Chairman advised the Meeting that the objective of the Management Agreement & the Management Plan was to enter into an Agreement with WCC for the purpose of conserving or enhancing the natural beauty or amenity of the Land detailed in the proposed Agreement, or promoting its enjoyment by members of the public. Councillors having received all documents beforehand along with the Notice of the Meeting.
- 1.2 Councillor Dargan pointed out that the Management Agreement draft provided by WCC should include in the “Definitions” the meaning of “Expert” as used in clause 7.4, along with the correction in the paragraph numbering which had gone wrong after point 7.4. The Clerk undertook to request these necessary amendments along with the document having page numbers for completeness.
- 1.3 The payment dates that were recommended by WCC as 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 for an initial payment and 15<sup>th</sup> April annually thereafter was accepted
- 1.4 It was proposed by the Chairman that the Parish Council secure a separate bank account with Lloyds Bank plc to hold receipts from WCC and account for the monies separately from the rest of the Parish Council business. The proposal by supported by Councillor Dargan & Councillor Bicknell.
- 1.5 The Chairman proposed that a Councillor be appointed to oversee all the responsibilities and actions necessary under the Yarningale Common Management Agreement pursuant to Section 39 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, incorporating the Yarningale Common Biodiversity Offset Management Plan. Councillor Bicknell offered to take the responsibility, and this was seconded by Councillor Dargan.
- 1.6 The Meeting recognised the positive input made to the process by Shirley Ogden & Yvonne Fairlie and the Chairman recommended that they be invited to the Annual Meeting each year together with 2 or 3 other Parish Council meetings, to give an update on progress, any volunteer activity and provide their feedback to the Parish Council.
- 1.7 The Meeting discussed the content of the documents and after due consideration of the Yarningale Common Management Agreement pursuant to Section 39 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, incorporating the Yarningale Common Biodiversity Offset Management Plan presented, the Chairman proposed the Resolution that these documents in the form of a Deed be accepted, subject to the minor amendments noted at point 1.2 of the Minutes, and that two Councillors were required to sign the Deed. Those present at the Meeting Resolved to approve the said documents, with minor amends, and that the Chairman, Simon Lawton & the Vice Chairman Councillor Dargan, were authorised to sign the Deed on behalf of Claverdon Parish Council.

### **2 Meeting Dates for the Parish Council Meeting**

- 2.1 Dates agreed are 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (a delay due to the first Tuesday of the month being Bonfire Night) & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

The Meeting closed at 8.45am.