

Northborough Parish Council

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Minutes of an Additional Meeting of Northborough Parish Council held on **Wednesday 25th March 2020** from **7.07pm**, held by video link in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, pending regulations brought into force from 4th April 2020

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

- 20.42 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair John Dadge, Vice Chair Malcolm Spinks, Councillors Rob Chiva, Elaine Mann, David Aldwinckle
IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Catherine Franks
- 20.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received and accepted from Councillors Brian Spriggs, Emma Watts
- 20.44 No DECLARATIONS were made
- 20.45 THE HCID POLICY ALLOWING DELEGATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS as circulated, was proposed by Cllr Spinks, seconded by Cllr Mann and RESOLVED unanimously.
- 20.46 SUSPENSION OF RECRUITMENT to the post of Temporary Assistant was proposed by Cllr Chiva, seconded by Cllr Aldwinckle and RESOLVED unanimously.
- 20.47 In consideration of ACTIVATION OF THE HCID POLICY, Councillors discussed the likelihood that the new Coronavirus Act 2020 would allow parish council meetings to continue remotely, also the likely need to make decisions about development of new projects such as a new Volunteer Network, which would fall outside the provisions of the HCID Policy.

Accordingly, activation of the policy was not proposed. It was Agreed instead to postpone the next meeting planned for 10th April 2020. **The next meeting of the Council will** (subject to publication of the expected regulations) **be held by video link on 22nd April 2020, from 7.00pm.**

Meeting closed at 19:24

Following the meeting, Councillors discussed recent communications commenting on the lack of a coordinated approach to volunteering in the parish during the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions. It was agreed that the council appeared to be the only organisation in a position to establish a network of volunteers for the parish and Cllr Mann offered to liaise with the Clerk and potential volunteers to set this up as soon as possible.

Given the urgency of the situation Clerk to use delegated powers for expenditure as specified in the Council's Financial Regulations and a full report to be brought to the next Council meeting as a motion to be resolved retrospectively.