

METHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

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Extraordinary Meeting of Methwold Parish Council
The 21 Room, Methwold Social Club, Methwold
Friday 20th March 2020

Minutes

D Thomas, J Marriage, R Gibson, B Horton, S Crump & R Scott
1 Member of the public

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending

1. To receive and consider accepting apologies for absence – P Crawley, S Burbridge, D Charlesworth-Smith
2. Declaration of Interest - Councillors invited to declare any interest in any item on the agenda – None
3. To consider extending the delegation of Council decisions to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus. Such delegation is intended to enable the Council to fulfil its responsibilities to its residents.

Proposal – Emergency Delegation Scheme – Coronavirus Covid-19

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic situation and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the Parish Council in reasonable time, the Clerk will have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council where such decisions cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline, or to ensure public safety.

This will be carried out where possible in consultation with Council Members by electronic means or telephone. The Clerk will further consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairman for guidance where necessary. This delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the Parish Council in legislation.

This delegated authority will be ceased by a decision of the Council at a meeting when it is considered no longer necessary.

D Thomas proposed to accept the Emergency Delegation Scheme – J Marriage Seconded
APPROVED by all.

Any other business –

In light of the announcement made by the government this afternoon the decision was made to close the Hall Complex, the parish office will continue to be manned on Monday and Thursday and the post office will be able to open. The Key Holder and the Cleaner will continue to service St George's Hall whilst the parish office and post office are being used but all of this will depend on the advice from the Government.

Meeting closed 7.00pm