



WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th
March 2020 in the Community Centre, Low Road West,
Warmsworth at 7.00pm.**

Members Present: Cllr. J Auty (Chair) & Cllrs : C Pattison, A. Bennett, S. Auty, & N. Robertson

In Attendance: Mr A. Bosmans (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

Apologies: S. White, D. Maxey, S. Butters & A. Hudson

Members Absent: None

The Chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct between members, the accepted Procedure for engagement by Members of the Public and that the meeting was being recorded in full for accurate reflection of the minutes and procedures in the meeting.

She also indicated that this was a Special Meeting in which there was only one item of business and all other items were suspended until further notice (with the agreement of the Parish Council).

Councillors indicated that they agreed with this stance.

20/030 To Determine That All Public and Face-to-Face Meetings be Suspended until Further Notice and Decide a Scheme of Delegation in the Interim as a Result of the Current Pandemic Coronavirus

The Clerk indicated that at present there was a growing concern throughout the world that the outbreak of the Pandemic Coronavirus would result in countries, including the UK increasing imposing "lockdown" similar to the one affecting Italy and spreading as he spoke.

National Association of Local Councils and Yorkshire Association of Local Councils had issue Government Advice that at present the recommendation was to stop all public and face-to-face meetings and that Government Legislation further restricting this would be imminent.

The Advice was also to nominate a Scheme of Delegation around the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair so that any outstanding or due payments could be authorised without the need for the Parish Council to meet.

The Clerk also stated that wherever possible, ALL Councillors would be consulted but this Scheme enabled the functioning of the Parish Council on a temporary basis and would be revoked once the pandemic was "controlled" which could of course be sometime.

Councillors agreed unanimously to operate the suggested "Scheme of Delegation"

RESOLVED: Given the current potential life-threatening Pandemic Coronavirus affecting all areas of life, The Parish Council resolves to delegate all current operations of the Council to the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair but to consult all other Councillors where practicable on any issues of major concern which may or may not occur during this crisis.

The Chair then closed the meeting at 7.20pm and the Clerk left the building. Some Councillors remained to engage the members of the Public present who had some questions which did not form any basis for the meeting.

The Date of the next meeting would be determined by the extent of the impact and mitigation of the Coronavirus outbreak.