

# Extraordinary meeting minutes of Mulbarton Parish Council

Thursday 20 October at 7 PM, held at The Committee Room, Mulbarton Village Hall

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Parish Councillors present: Adam Banham, Roger Dyndal, Mark Kerr, Steve Sewell (chair), Laurence Hughes

Also, present Lorraine Trueman (clerk)

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## **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Louis Kaszczak, Florence Ellis, Barry Duffin, Nigel Legg and Danny Gaskin.

## **2. To receive declarations of interest in agenda items and consider any dispensation requests**

No declarations of interests or dispensations were received.

## **3. Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and the District/County councillors**

No members of the public were received.

**To pass a resolution under the public admission to meetings act 1960 to exclude members of the public and press for the following confidential item;**

## **4. To receive an update and agree next steps relating to the village hall**

The clerk asked if all councillors had chance to read the email sent from the Village Hall Management Committee earlier that day. Some councillors advised they had not yet read the email.

All councillors had read the proposal document sent from the Village Hall Management Committee and discussed each section. It was agreed further legal advice was required to resolve the issues, but the Village Hall Management Committee should be made aware of the council's thoughts.

The Parish Council did not believe they could comment on the wording of the proposal and although some points they were not clear they decided this should be for the lawyers to provide guidance on.

The Parish Council accept that they should be the custodian trustees and for numerous reasons this has not fully happened. They agreed they would need legal advice to resolve this issue.

The future ownership of Mulberry and Orchard Parks were discussed, and the council agreed they want to consider all the options with a clear focus on maximising the resources for the residents.

The Village Hall Management Committee had asked about the phone mast lease. This is already with the lawyer so the council did not feel they could add any further comments at this time.

The Parish Council did agree, in principle, to the Village Hall Management Committee taking on the leases for the Scout hut and garden and Blakey's bus, subject to legal advice. It was also agreed, in principle, that the Village Hall Management Committee take on the MUGA, skate park and play area, subject to legal advice.

Councillors thought having a parish office was a benefit and debated the proposed charge of £44 per week, plus utilities. It was **AGREED** to accept this.

The Village Hall Management Committee had suggested a figure for financial settlement. It was **AGREED** that further details regarding these figures should be requested, and that legal advice should be sought.

The clerk informed that the insurers had been contacted about the legal costs and she was waiting to hear back from them. The council **AGREED** that the insurers feedback should be received before any further costs are incurred.