MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Much Hadham Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2015 at 8pm in the Recreation Ground Pavilion.

*Cllr Mrs S Bannerman (Vice Chairman)

*Cllr A Baxter (Chairman)

Cllr S J Godfrey

*Cllr I Hunt

*Cllr M P Keogh

* denotes present

*Cllr R D Key Cllr Mrs J Liversage *Cllr Mrs P Taylor Cllr A J Young

In attendance: Clerk: Colin Marks (locum), approximately 15 members of the public

1. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Cllr Mrs S J Godfrey, Cllr Mrs J Liversage, Cllr A J Young: All for personal reasons

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

NONE

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman explained that due to the confidential nature contained within the business for which the Extra Ordinary Meeting had been called, there would be a vote to exclude press and public for the remainder of the agenda. Following further explanation there was a seconded proposal and vote and it was RESOLVED that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded during item 4 of the agenda due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

All members of the public left the meeting.

4. <u>ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

In considering matters pertaining to the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by a councillor at the Parish Council Meeting of 6th October 2015, the Chairman gave a full explanation of the reasons that led to him convening the extra ordinary meeting, citing exchanges between councillors, the clerk, and members of the public.

Following this explanation, it was proposed and seconded that there be a vote of no confidence. The Chairman then offered each councillor, in alphabetical order, two minutes to explain their views before the vote. A councillor took the opportunity to apologise for any unintentional disrespect towards the members of the Pavilion Committee and to the Parish Clerk.

There was then a vote and it was RESOLVED to agree a vote of no confidence.

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In summing up, the Chairman said he would now be making every effort to restore the working relationships among all council members and to get on with the work for the community that they had been elected to do. All other councillors expressed full support for that objective.

5. <u>CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 7.30pm at the Much Hadham Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman Date 32 Nov 15

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