

To be confirmed on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 06<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

**Welcome:** Vice Chair (Cllr CT) Welcomed all in attendance and advised all present that Cllr HK would be taking the minutes for the opening part of the meeting.

**Present:** Councillors M Smalley (MS), L Taylor (LT), H Kershaw (HK) & C Tyrie (CT)

**Officers:**

**Members of the Public:** Cllr Julie Slater, Mrs K Gosling. Mr P Tyrie & Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson

## RESOLUTIONS

### **1008 Apologies:**

Non received before the start of the meeting.

### **1009 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1010 Appointment of Chair**

**Resolved: Prop:** Cllr CT proposed Cllr HK. **Sec:** Cllr MS. Approved.

### **1011 Minutes of last meeting**

**Resolved** That the minutes of the last meeting held on 6th February 2023 confirmed as a correct record **Prop:** Cllr CT **Sec:** Cllr HK.

### **1012 Public Participation**

This item of the agenda was brought forward for the benefit of Mrs K Gosling. Mrs Gosling gave us a brief history of the Waterside Terrace back street.

### **2013 Statutory Business**

- a) **Employment of New Clerk:** Cllr HK appointed Cllr LT as his acting clerk. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson interrupted the meeting by questioning Cllr HK had the position of chair been advertised. Cllr HK advised Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson that the chair position does not need to be advertised. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson disputed and refused to be corrected and referred to the ex-chair Mr S Pendry. Cllr HK advised Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson the vacant position had been advertised. Again, Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson disputed this, again refusing to be corrected. Cllr LT the acting clerk advised Cllr HK the advert had been displayed on borough council website, in notice boards and on social media. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson disputed the info provided by stating in an aggressive manner "well not on Waterside's notice board". Cllr MS apologised for missing putting the advert in the Waterside notice board. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson then questioned "are you qualified to do this" looking directly at Cllr L Taylor. The chair Cllr HK & Cllr CT advised Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson Cllr L Taylor did not need to be qualified as only an acting clerk. Cllr CT asked Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson to stop interrupting the meeting and wait until it was the public's time to speak. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson became verbally aggressive towards the parish councillors. A member of the public PT attempted to defend the councillors but his choice of words was not appropriate. Cllr HK reminded PT to which he apologised afterwards to both Darwen

South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson, councillors & residents and he calmed down. This is when Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson made his phone visible and stated "Oh, I think I'll record this" and proceeded to turn on the voice recorder and place his phone on the floor. The chair Cllr HK and Cllr CT asked Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson to stop recording. He refused stating it was his right. Cllr Kershaw again asked Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson to stop recording, Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson's reply was "no, I am allowed to record, google it, go on google it" Cllr Julie Slater proceeded to ask Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson to remain calm as he was there as a resident not a ward councillor (as he was misleading by flashing his borough council badge & lanyard) and to please allow the chair Cllr HK to speak. At this point Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson aggressively told Cllr Julie Slater I have a right to speak and I have questions to ask. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson then turned his attention back to the chair in an aggressive manner asking "what are you going to allow this", "I shouldn't have to put up with this", "this should be minuted" then looking directly at acting clerk Cllr L Taylor are you minuting this, and demanded the minutes be read back to him. Cllr L Taylor acting clerk recited what was noted on the minutes. With the way Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson was conducting himself, berating people present, and preventing the meeting from continuing in a civil productive way Cllr HK exercised his right to suspend the meeting. Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson again started ranting "so you are suspending the meeting? Pathetic, absolutely disgraceful"

**b) Planning:** Deferred to be discussed at next meeting

#### **1014 Finance**

- a)** Approval of Expenditure for this month, and any submitted after the agenda.  
Deferred to be discussed at next meeting

#### **1015 Matters Arising**

- a) Clerks report** Deferred to be discussed at next meeting  
**b) Asset register** Deferred to be discussed at next meeting

#### **1016 Date and time of Next Meeting**

7pm - Monday March 06<sup>th</sup> - Downstairs

#### **1017 Close of Meeting**

In accordance with the Eccleshill Parish Council Policy Manual, Cllr HK exercised his right to suspend the meeting due to Darwen South Ward Cllr Mr M Jackson's disruptive manner.  
Meeting was Suspended at 7.30pm